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Goombay Summer Festival highlights Bahamian culture for locals and tourists alike Final two concerts feature KB and Geno D



Above: a young man carries his younger brother through the Junkanoo rush during the recent Goombay Festival held at Sea Spray Resort on Elbow Cay.

By Rachel Ahnrsen

On Thursday, July 18, Sea Spray Resort held their 4th annual Goombay Festival, which has been sponsored by Kalik and Commonwealth Brewery. This night was the second to last of the four week festival, which had celebrations every Thursday night at the resort. The crowd was entertained that night by nationally recognized performer, KB.

There was a large crowd of both tourists and Bahamians, who celebrated Bahamian culture together. The evening began with a local calypso band playing, while festival goers enjoyed a buffet of traditional Bahamian food, drinks, and perused local jewelry and crafts that were for sale.

The headliners of the festival were DJ Emerge, and Bahamian legend Kirkland Bodie, who is better known as KB. KB was an energetic and interactive performer, and encouraged the crowd to come forward and start dancing as soon as he got onstage.

KB was friendly with the audience, and he began his performance by naming different countries and areas of The Bahamas, asking the natives of these places to raise their hands. The crowd was extremely excited to hear the famous Bahamian

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Man-O-War celebrates Independence with day of traditional games



Man-O-War Cay has always celebrated Independence with a game full of family and traditional games. Above: the slippery pole is the always-popular highlight of the day. See page 10.

Min. Dorsett visits pilot logging project in Spring City



Above: logging trainees and BNT coordinators stand by lumber produced from Abaco Pine.

By Mirella Santillo

The Minister of Environment and Housing, the Hon. Kendred Dorsett, came to Abaco on July 15 to visit sites of the pine forest.

His inspection of the established forest in the north of the island was followed by a long visit to the site of the Bahamas National Trust logging pilot project in Spring City.

The BNT logging project, which started on July 1, is aimed at training young men with the operating of chain saw, sawmill and the various equipment necessary to facilitate logging and to determine economic feasibility. The site of the operation is located in the pine forest

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running along the old Spring City Road. It is a continuation of the training that took place a few months ago, during which people were taught to recognize and mark trees that were suitable for logging, under the tutoring of a forestry expert, Arien Sickken.

The Minister who traveled to Abaco with another member of his cabinet, David Cates, was also accompanied by a forestry expert for the Caribbean, Claus-Martin Ecklemann and a crew of reporters from ZNS and BIS. Senator Gary Sawyer was also part of the delegation. They were later joined by Renardo Curry, Member of Parliament for North Abaco.

Mr. Ecklemann, a forestry officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, helped set-up the project last year in partnership with Christopher Russell, head of the Department of Forestry for the Bahamas National Trust.

During his visit, Minister Dorsett witnessed the various operations involved in the logging process from cutting the trees with chainsaws, skidding the logs out of the forest and cutting them on the sawmill.

He was particularly interested in watching a log being sliced in planks. Terrence Rogers, one of the five young men working on the project operated the sawmill to cut a large log measuring 3.17m long x 25 cm in diameter. Four A quality pieces and one B quality piece were recovered in the process as well as leftover wood. The planks will be left to dry until moisture has evaporated.

Mr. Sickken who had explained the



Above: Min. Dorsett speaking to North Abaco MP Renardo Curry along with BNT Director of Parks - David Knowles - and David Cates about the prospects of forestry on Abaco.

whole logging process to the minister, said that usually a log produces approximately 50% of lumber material.

The Minister was very impressed with the project, visualizing all the possibilities offered by this new industry, as far as jobs and revenues were concerned.

He was told that all of the wood can be used; the pine which will not be treated will have to be used indoors. "A" pieces can be utilized for furniture making. Even the second choice pieces can be reshaped to be used as molding or baseboard, even as suggested by Senator Sawyer to make boat models. The bark and other left over wood can be mulched or burnt for coal.

Several members of the Bahamas National Trust, among them David Knowles - Director of Parks, Christopher Russel, Wavell Hanna, Marvin Russell and For-

estry Officer Claus-Martin Ecklemann, were available to discuss the project with the visitors.

The Spring City exercise which will be carried until the middle of August after which time the sawmill will be returned to Eleuthera.

It was mentioned that concessions for timber-harvesting in two Crown Land areas of Abaco had been granted to Rob Roman, with Lindar Industries, one for approximately 1500 acres in the Treasure Cay Airport area and over 5000 acres in the Little Harbour Protected Forest.

Below: a trainee operating the sawmill.



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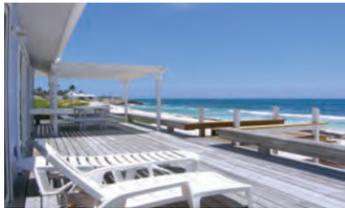


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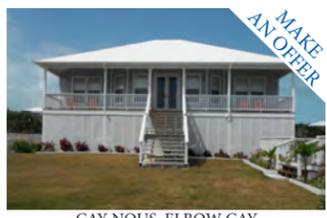
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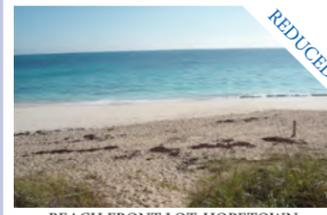
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Public meeting at Sandy Point held regarding expanding the National Parks System



Above: the question and answer period with BNT Forest Warden Marcus Davis making a point.

By Jennifer Hudson

A public meeting for fishing guides and fishermen to discuss the prospect of expanding the National Parks System in Abaco was held on July 25 at the J. A. Pinder Primary School in Sandy Point. Areas of interest for discussion were Cross Harbour, East Abaco Creeks and the Marls. Presenters were d'Shan Maycock, an environmentalist presently working in Grand Bahama, Lyn Gates, Deputy Director of the Bahamas National Trust and Olivia Patterson, Programme Coordinator with Friends of the Environment.

The meeting was opened with a very brief introduction by Lyn Gates who told those gathered that the prospect of more protected areas in Abaco and Grand Bahama was being looked at and that three years ago the Bahamas National Trust with other conservation organizations got together to form a master plan. She stated that the aim of the evening's meeting was to find out how the fishing guides and fishermen felt about the proposals for two new protected areas.

In her presentation d'Shan Maycock stated that the National Parks are places of natural beauty and the goal is to protect their biodiversity. Of the 27 National Parks throughout The Bahamas, six are in Abaco. These are the Abaco National Park in South Abaco, Walkers Cay, Black Sound Cay, Fowl Cays, Tilloo Cay and the Pelican Cays. The two new proposed areas are both in South Abaco, one being the Abaco Marls Natural Reserve which is a large expensive area and the other being the Cross Harbour Protected Area.

Ms. Maycock informed the audience that three Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) teams have been here gathering ecological data which will help to establish a baseline for long-term monitoring activities.

1. The bonefish team focused on the distribution and population of bonefish and also carried out some tagging.

2. A plant team studied the diversity of plant types and some bird nesting sites.

3. The coral reef team studied the overall health of the reefs.

Ms. Maycock closed her presentation by stating that the Bahamas National Protected Areas System is supported by government which protects 20% of the marine

shore environment.

Olivia Patterson concentrated her presentation on the Cross Harbour Protected Area stating that it was first proposed as a National Park conservation zone by Friends of the Environment in 2006. In 2009 an application for Crown Land was submitted to the Office of the Prime Minister by AFFGA (Abaco Fly Fishing Guides Association). Ms. Paterson gave the following reasons for needing to protect Cross Harbour.

1. Breeding ground for fish.
2. Fly fishing and tourism
3. Educational potential with cultural and historical use
4. Restored wetland habitat.

"Cross Harbour is a very well rounded site and the goal is to protect it to ensure that biodiversity is maintained and to preserve its resources for future generations," she closed by saying.

A question and answer period followed during which time fishermen expressed their concerns about the future of fishing in these areas. Fishermen were concerned that the Marls area should not be made a 'no take zone' since that is where the Sandy Point and Crossing Rocks fishermen make their living. Expressing his concerns, one fisherman stated that; "We are a fishing village and live off the sea. Our fishing rights need to be protected for our children and grandchildren and there will be problems if people try to stop the fishing." In reply it was stated that the main concern is to protect the area from large-scale development such as buildings and marinas along the shoreline.

Ms. Gape stated that everybody needs to get involved and that the team wants to get the feelings of people on how the areas are being used to take into account when making decisions. She told those gathered that following this initial consultation the team will come back again to present the proposal which they will then give to the government. She further added that they will make a presentation on the results of the REA's and also that they want to create areas to replenish fish.

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Foreign poachers apprehended

By Timothy Roberts

During a routine patrol on July 29 the Royal Bahamas Defense Force, acting on information from local fishermen, apprehended foreign fishermen for fisheries violations in Bahamian waters.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant, James Cox of the Royal Bahamas Defense Force aboard the HMBSP-45 said "We were acting on a tip from local fishermen who informed us that they had spotted a boat that had been crawfishing for quite a while."

The RBDF P-45 gave pursuit and intercepted the vessel just behind Scotland's Cay. Sub-Lieutenant Cox said that during the chase the fishermen discarded much of their catch along with other unidentified items.

The RBDF boarded and searched the vessel and found crawfish on board. The fishermen's fishing permit was inspected; the permit tells you what you can and cannot catch which they had signed indicating that they understood the terms. However, when questioned by the officers they claimed not to know.

We arrested them and alerted Fisheries Assistant Superintendent Carroll Laing and brought them back to Marsh Harbour for processing.

The captain, a 52 year old U.S. citizen from Florida, took full responsibility for the vessel and the infraction. The equipment was confiscated and they were found with crawfish aboard their boat.

According to the police report the suspect was found in possession of a number of crawfish tails, scale fish and fresh



Above: Defence Force with some of the poachers in custody.

conchs. The suspect was granted cash bail and is set to appear in court on the 8th, August 2013.

There were four (4) other U.S. citizens aboard the vessel including two 17 year-old males and a 25 year-old male from Florida and a 55 year-old male from Kentucky.

Sub-Lieutenant Cox said "this is how we make arrests, with the help of the local fishermen. This is our national marine resource if we don't protect it, who will?"

Mr. Laing said that at about 4pm he received a call from the HMBSP-45 that they had chased a boat and observed them throwing what appeared to be lobster overboard.

He said "the captain has decided to take full responsibility for everything. He indicated he has been coming here for twenty years and he knows the rules and regulations. He was cautioned and placed under arrest."

Mr. Laing added that "we have asked visitors to read the back of the fishing permit that tells them what they can and cannot do, but unfortunately some people decide to just ignore. But our patrol boats are out there and we want the foreign nationals to know that we are out there and you won't know when we are coming and if they are found to be in violation they will be arrested - there will be no breaks!"

Abaco district and escaped to Grand Bahama.

Detective Sgt. Farquharson said that Abaco police issued a wanted poster requesting the public's assistance in the apprehension of the two suspects. On July 13, acting on information received, officers of Grand Bahama's Mobile Division arrested Johnson and Roberts in reference to this matter. The suspects were found guilty of the offences, and remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

Detective Sgt. Farquharson thanked officers in Freeport for assisting them with arresting the suspects as well as the officers of the Marsh Harbour Police Station who investigated the matter.

In the second case, Steve Pedican reported that he was robbed at gunpoint in the area of Louie's Bar and Restaurant in Fire Road on July 13 at 2:10 a.m. Pedican said that he was approached by a man he knew from Cooper's Town, who robbed him of his gold chain and charm. Police officers from North Abaco quickly responded to the matter, and arrested Dylan Jordan. Jordan was transported to CDU in Marsh Harbour for further investigation. Officers interviewed and charged the suspect in reference to armed robbery. Jordan was arraigned in court on July 16, and remanded to Her Majesty's Prison.

Again, Detective Sgt. Farquharson thanked North Abaco Officers for quickly responding to the complaint, and arresting the suspect in a timely manner. The officers of the CDU were commended for their good work.

There were three other males who appeared in court for the minor offences of warrant of arrest, disorderly conduct, and breach of bail act, respectively.

Men arraigned at Magistrate's Court for major offences

Six men were arraigned at Magistrate's Court #1 at the Government Complex on July 16. In the first matter, Quinten Johnson and Alonzo Roberts were charged with the offences of causing grievous harm and the possession of a firearm with the intent to endanger life.

According to Detective Sgt. 2377 Christopher Farquharson of the Central Detective Unit (CDU), a call was received on June 22 at midnight at the Marsh Harbour Police Station. The caller explained that a young man named Bradley Ferguson of Murphy Town had been shot several times in the lower body. Ferguson was taken to the Government Clinic and received medical attention, but was later transported to Princess Margaret Hospital where he received further treatment.

The two males suspects - Quinten Johnson and Alonzo Roberts of Murphy Town were named in the matter, however when police were issued a search warrant for their residence, they were nowhere to be found. In their investigation, police officers learned that the two men had fled the

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Murphy Town Cultural Extravaganza brings in Independence

By Mirella Santillo

During the evening of July 9, the 40th Anniversary of Independence Cultural Extravaganza brought a large crowd to the Murphy Town Park soccer field, where a decorated stage and several tents had been set. Two large tents offered shelter and seats, and included a section for the dignitaries, among them Administrator Preston Cunningham, Permanent Secretary of State, Alexander Flowers and District Superintendent of Education, Dr. Lenora Black.

The evening included music from gospel bands, solo singing, rake n'scrape and popular calypso and goombay rhythms. Around 9:00 p.m., Sandra Edwards began the evening performances, and beautifully sang the National Anthem and "This Land is my Land."

Then, announced by dynamic MC Shelley Austin, the various church bands, including the Latter Rain Praise Team, the New Vision Band, Genesis, Kevin Sawyer and his group, climbed to the stage in turn, anointing the crowd with many well-known religious songs.

Singing was followed by dancing. The Change Ministries Praise Dancers, some dressed in black with a yellow and blue sash, two dressed in white while waving the 40th anniversary flags, performed on the grass. Later on, the grass also became the stage for the Abaco Foundation Cultural Camp youth group performances. Introduced by Sonia Roberts, eight girls in

black tops and white skirts draped in a yellow or blue sash, danced to old-fashioned songs. The act concluded with two boys joining them in dancing to the tune of "Back to Balemina," with panama hats on their heads and the girls holding baskets.

While on the stage, Mrs. Roberts commented on the meaning of the anniversary.

"After forty years, it is time to reflect on the past. It is not too late to make changes. By now, we should know what works and what does not."

There were two special performers: Viola Johnson with her grater and knife, who interpreted a rake n'scrape version of "Old Time Religion." Yasmin Ginton, an Abaco Central High School teacher on the way of becoming a popular local actress, acted out a short skit, which was written by her.

After that, the rhythm changed. Gospel was replaced by lively calypso and goombay with performances by T-Time band, Funk Creations Group and Rum Hill Band, the latter interpreting a rendering of "Happy Birthday Bahamas."

As the evening progressed, the crowd increased and by 11:00 p.m., the soccer field was filled with people, some grouped around the stage, others hanging around the food and bar tents.

Members of the four units of the Bahamian Police, Immigration, Customs and the Royal Defense Force Cadets made their appearance. Preceded by a the National Anthem, they started marching across the field, each unit in its parade uniform. Two policemen holding flags stopped in front of the flag pole and the dignitaries, who now included Mr. Renardo Curry, MP for

North Abaco.

Each unit led by its commander performed a marching manoeuvre, and MP Curry solemnly inspected each division, before returning to his position in front of the pole, from where he addressed the assembly, reminiscing on the historical moments that led to the independence and, "freedom for all."

An unfortunate mistake had been made and instead of the Flag, a decorative bunting was raised. After a few moments the bunting was removed and the real Flag was raised.

Afterwards a display of fireworks lit the skies, heralding the dawn of July 10. A Junkanoo rush followed.

Simmons Co. clears drains ahead of more road work



Above: workers with Simmons Construction were seen clearing drains around Marsh Harbour on July 30 as well as surveying the roads. According to Minister of Works, Philip "Brave" Davis, Simmons Construction is to lay hot mix on roads in Central Abaco. It is unclear as of press time whether asphaltting the roads is a separate contract from the "sand and seal" Simmons has been attempting throughout Central Abaco and whether or not mobilization funds for the project has been given to Simmons from the Central Government yet.

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From the Editor's Desk // Weathermen



Bahamians are a tough, hardy people. Before tourism we lived exclusively by what we could catch, grow and salvage. Our ancestors survived storm after storm. Droughts, diseases, crop failures, Spanish raids and the age of piracy: we survived it all. We weathered many natural hurricanes. But it seems it is the hurricanes we are creating for ourselves that might do us in.

The hurricane of poverty, both financial poverty and intellectual poverty, robs us of our will despite of, and in the face of, the true richness of this nation. The hurricane of failing education leaves our youth incapable of solving tomorrow's problems. The hurricane of crime belittles us. These hurricanes and many more are converging to form a perfect storm.

But other nations face and have faced these storms. In fact we have faced them in the past as well and succeeded. But the most damaging part about these storms is this: our weathermen are away from their posts. They're out to lunch while the dark clouds keep building.

Our elected representatives are failing us. It seems like they don't even have the radar switched on. The current government's solutions to the massive debt the previous government built up are disastrously misplaced. And the Government's Opposition can't even get on the same page with themselves,

let alone put up a strong defense.

A week before the Regatta, the largest event Abaco hosts which fills marinas from the north to the south of this island, they pass along the arbitrary jump in cruising permits. Any boater on the fence about spending money on our shores got the message: "Not welcome."

Yes, that one tax was withdrawn, or put on hold, or selectively enforced. Actually, does anyone know the true current state of that law?

Coupled with that is the perplexing \$150 additional fee tacked onto planes coming and going. It's an insult to the private pilots (you know: the ones who can afford their own planes and spend money here accordingly?) It's a disincentive to legacy carriers who operate on small enough margins already. And it kills the entrepreneurs on this island who rely on drop-shipping to sell products to their customers.

It directly raises the cost of living and reduces the amount of tourists whose spending would negate those rising costs.

The big airliners have already stated their dissatisfaction and have threatened reducing airlift. The Government's response seems to be an emphatic "Oh, well."

I'm giving it to the end of August before I comment again about the roads and airport. Right now I think the "Pothole Preservation Society" has the right idea (see page 22.)

Now if I sat here and ended this editorial right now while painting the Government and Opposition with these broad, unforgiving strokes I would be just as guilty of the blindness I'm accusing them of. There are some examples of weathermen in our political system who I believe are honestly trying to prevent and prepare for the hurricanes this country will face. One that immediately comes to my mind is Abaco's own Renardo Curry.

And, again, we don't always need to wait for the "professional" weathermen to tell us how to shape our country. We've been doing it long enough: keeping an eye on the water, noticing the changes, battening down the hatches when we need to, taking the risks when necessary and marching forwards, upwards and onwards together.

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- August 1-5: Treasure Cay Beach Resort Lobster Fest
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Letters to the Editor

Kudos to the Abaconian Team

Dear Editor:

It is hard to believe that it's been over a year since the new Abaconian team took over for some true Abaco icons in Dave & Kathy Ralph. I am surprised though that there have not been more letters congratulating Bradley and his news team on the fine job that they've done in taking over this responsibility, and in taking the publication to new levels. Mind you, comparing the young Albury to the Ralph's is a bit like trying to compare Lebron James to Michael Jordan. Suffice to say that both have done outstanding jobs in addressing and supporting our communities' events and communications. One is a hall-of-famer, while the other is only beginning to literally write their legacy.

It is past time that we thank you for new features such as highlighting sports, the entrepreneur section, the already beloved crossword, improving the on-line version and features, and the presence and alerts on social media platforms like facebook. Moreover, thanks for the "can do" Abaco spirit that Bradley Albury and the team display in their efforts.

Thank you! Keep up the great work, and know that your time and efforts make an impact and are most appreciated by your readers.

Jack Bowers, RPh
BPS 2nd Home-Owner

Turmoil in Grand Cay

Dear Editor:

As we celebrate 40 wonderful and

glorious years of independence in a country like no other, it's sad to say that nothing has changed on the island of Grand Cay. Even the government is yet to change; they are indeed living behind time as the FNM party is still the governing party on that small, mile-long cay.

Their segregation is rampant as residents are unable to come together and persons not supporting the FNM party are being passed over and neglected. It seems as though there is no representation from the government on this little Cay and residents do not have a problem with what is going on as they hardly ever complain. This could probably be attributed to the fact that their cries are often never heard so it is indeed useless complaining.

From what we have gathered, there is an on-going calamity as it relates to their water system. Residents are forced to go without water for days at a time and nothing is happening to correct it. How is it that on such a small cay, water, which is necessary for everyday use, is often deprived from residents? Who is in charge of this? Who regulates this? How has this been allowed to go on for so long? Tourists have complained and often blogged about how bad conditions are whenever they visit simply because either the phone, water or electricity system isn't working.

From what our sources tell us, residents are forced to live in fear for their appliances as the power supply is often disrupted without warning and many of their appliances are destroyed. In an already tough economy Grand Cay residents are indeed suffering.

Despite the recent outcome of the last general elections, politically it would ap-

pear that the FNM is still in charge of that island. Persons not supporting this party are being neglected and discriminated against in every sense. How is this possible? For the most part it would seem as though no one is checking for Grand Cay. Sad is the case that after 40 years of being an independent country, there is still segregation and discrimination. When will this come to an end? When will the Government pay closer attention to what is happening on remote cays such as this one? Why Bahamians are still suffering and being neglected in this day and age puzzles us. Where is the Member of Parliament that was elected to work for these people?

After taking a trip to Grand Cay, it was immediately evident that more attention needs to be directed towards Grand Cay. They are Bahamians just like you and me and deserve to be treated better than they are currently. Instead of focusing on stem cell research and gambling, we must first ensure that all Bahamians are on one accord after calling ourselves an independent nation for 40 years.

-John D.

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The Cays

Man-O-War Sports Day carries on tradition from 1974



Above: competitors fight tooth and nail to retrieve the flag on the slippery pole. Photo credit Char Albury.

and skinning, and the slippery pole. The crowds especially gathered for the conch breaking and the slippery pole. There are records set in each activity that the competitors are eager to break every year. Feel free to view the pictures on Man-O-War Independence Day 2013 Facebook page.

The day ended at the softball field with grilled dinner, awards presentations, and a beautiful fireworks display thanks to Lucas Albury.

There are T-shirts for sale that will help with the expenses of the next years' celebration. The committee wants to thank all those who helped in any way. There were some hurdles to get over this year, but with all the extra help it was a fabulous day. A very special thanks also to Man-O-War Grocery for donating all of the drinks.

Below: in a conch cracking contest everyone is a winner. Photo credit Char Albury



Press Release

The Bahamas' 40th birthday was celebrated in Man-O-War Cay with a day of sports, activities, food, and lots of family fun. Man-O-War has been celebrating the country's independence with a fun sports day since 1974.

The day began with sports activities for 16 years and under, at the softball field. The field activities ended with a tug of war: the older men vs. younger men, and older women vs. younger women. The older men and women won this year. It would seem they were older, wiser AND stronger.

The rest of the day's sports activities took place at the harbour's side with swimming and diving competitions. The adults also competed in the diving. Then the adult fun activities began. They competed in woodsawing, nailing, conch breaking

Hope Town Council calls emergency meeting in response to drastic budget cut

The Hope Town District Council, which is comprised of the communities of Elbow Cay, Man-O-War, Guana Cay and other surrounding cays, held an emergency public meeting on July 23 in response to a communication from Central Gov't indicating \$300,000 would be struck from the township's budget. Though a follow up from Central Government said the figures sent to the council was an error, and in fact it would be a 27% cut as opposed to the over 50% cut originally laid out, the council still stands firm in their conviction that the cut renders their job nearly impossible.

The corrected budget stands at \$414,000 to manage the three islands as opposed to the \$254,000 which the official fax indicated. The District's budget last year was \$554,000. Other townships throughout Abaco have also seen cuts to varying degrees.

The Hope Town District Council found this news, which was relayed to them the day before, disheartening. Chief Councilor Jeremy Sweeting said he and his council were indeed expecting cuts, but what they are faced with now is "the biggest and gravest crisis since the inception of local government."

Split among the three islands equally would mean each township would have \$138,147.97 to work with. For comparison, the Abaco island of Green Turtle Cay has a new budget of \$280,000 according to Chief Councilor Greg Curry. The Council raised the question as to why a single island had a budget that was more than half the budget for the three islands of their district combined.

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The Cays

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The largest expense for the cays is trash management. Central Government had made an unofficial communication to the Council announcing they would take on waste management transportation responsibilities. However, no official action has been made by Central Government as of press time.

"The government has broken this district, and is forcing a near shutdown of services," said Mr. Sweeting.

The Council also revealed a study they conducted reviewing revenue that their district turned in to Nassau. Mr. Sweeting revealed that between the Fuel Taxes, Road Traffic Taxes, Hotel Guest Taxes, Dock Fees and Property Taxes the Hope Town District produces \$5.4 million for Central Government.

"I don't care what party you supported. This is beyond politics. This is about our islands, our communities. They must come first." Mr. Sweeting continued, "We

encourage all of you to take a stand."

The Council declared they can appreciate the economic challenges facing the country, but these cuts were "shameful," and that "the Ministry of Finance and Ministry for Local Government did not take the due diligence and time necessary to adequately study what was needed."

As the meeting closed the question was asked whether the council would resign in solidarity over the issue. Mr. Sweeting said not at this time since they had all taken an oath to serve their communities. However, he indicated, without any changes they may have no choice.

Later that day, after learning the cut was not as drastic as first revealed, the council still stood firm in their position that the funds were inadequate, especially if Central Government does not take on the burden of trash management. The Council again pointed to the conservative figure of \$5.4 million the district sends to Central Government as reason grant the district a larger budget.

Goombay From Page 1

artist, and sang along to his popular songs like, "Bush Mechanic."

KB wanted to make it a romantic evening for the couples there, and had the lights turned off for a slow couple's dance. He finished his performance with a shout out to the tourists, encouraging them to enjoy the authentic Bahamian music and experience.

Immediately after KB's performance, the Spring City Rockers provided a Junkanoo rush. They paraded down the neighboring road in brilliantly coloured and sequined costumes while playing the traditional Junkanoo beat. The Rockers encouraged the crowd to participate, and placed some of their costumes on bystanders, encouraging them to dance in the parade. The celebration lasted well into the night, and was a successful ending to the Goombay festival.



Above: Chief Councillor Jeremy Sweeting (standing) along with the Hope Town District Council and Senior Island Admin. Cunningham.



Above: KB (on stage) encouraging the crowd to dance at Sea Spray's Goombay Festival on July 18.



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GREEN TURTLE CAY SOUND HARBOUR 8b 8b home with 455 ft of waterfront on 1.3 acres. 2 private docks, boat ramp, beach. **WEB: 4000040901 US\$3,790,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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NORTH ABACO FIRE ROAD #8 Waterfront 2BR/2B furnished 1200sf home on 22,192sf Lot with dock on Sea of Abaco. **WEB: 4000030286 US\$249,999.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



GREEN TURTLE CAY Bluff House Beach Resort & Marina, 46 slip marina, marina office, 2 restaurants, 8 waterfront hotel rooms, 27 residential lots with utilities. **WEB: 4000041074** George.Damianos@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY YELLOWFIN 3b 2b canalfront home w/ dock, boatlift. **WEB: 4000019767 US\$1,250,000.** BLUEFIN 3b 2b **WEB: 4000019775 US\$880,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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TREASURE CAY SAIL 'A' VIE Canalfront 3b 2b, 1994 sq.ft. airy & bright, good value home enjoys exceptional privacy w/ dock & boat lift. Furnished. **WEB: 4000038012 US\$920,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



TREASURE CAY ROCK POINT LANDING Beachfront 4b 3b, 2 storey home, 2 garages, 3 carports. Off main road, very private. **WEB: 4000016642 US\$940,000.** Stan.Sawyer@SothebysRealty.com



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- A Sunseeker Cottage Beachfront 2 storey 4b 3b w/ golf cart/storage. 2 fresh water pools, immaculate landscaped gardens. Must see! **WEB: 4000041829 US\$1,499,000.**
- B Papi's Palace Furnished 3b 2b beach home. Seller financing up to 90%.
- C Banyan Beach Lot multi-family lot, 149 ft. of powder sand beach, .95 acres opposite golf-course. **WEB: 4000036623 US\$1,200,000.**
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 - #2054 3b 3b upper condo w/ Golf cart garage. **WEB: 4000016240 US\$875,000.**
 - #2078 3b 3b upper condo. Excellent Rental. **WEB: 4000019500 US\$990,000.**
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- F Crosswinds 4b 3b w/ beach views. **WEB: 4000005039 US\$585k.**
- G Sunrise Point Lot 4 Beachfront lot \$925,000.
- H Waterfront Beach Homesite Lot. 90 ft of beach frontage. Beautiful rock walls on the beach & road. Utilities at Road. **WEB: 4000039430 US\$599,000.**
- I High & Dry Canal view home, 1,344 sq. ft., 2 storey, 3 bed 2 bath, furnished. **WEB: 4000032980 \$465,000.**
- J Marina Lot 5 Choice canalfront. **WEB: 4000009545 \$270k.**
- K Rock Point Lot 4 Waterfront 90 ft. **WEB: 4000019391 US\$320k.**
- K Rock Point Lot 7 Waterfront 90 ft. **WEB: 4000032169 \$185,000.**
- K Rock Point Lot 8 11,818 sf residential. **WEB: 4000031389 \$185,000.**
- L Atlantis 2207 Canalfront 2b 2b w/ dock. **WEB: 4000015088 US\$ 450k.**

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LOT 32 & 32A 90 feet on water. **WEB: 4000019447 \$500,000.** J.Patterson LOT 26 22,000 sq. ft. corner lot. **WEB: 4000019424 \$250,000.** J.Patterson

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BAH. PALM SHRS. LOT 43 Residential lot \$30,000. Bill Albury 557.2929
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BAKERS CRK. LOT 18. 10 min N of MH. **WEB: 4000038780 \$70,000.** C. Albury

An Eye on Hurricane Season

Command Committee Storm Preparedness Meeting held ahead of hurricane season



Above: Superintendent Noel Curry, North Abaco MP Renardo Curry and Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham after the Storm Preparedness Command Committee meeting.

By Mirella Santillo

The Storm Preparedness Command Committee, comprised of all the key people in each field of preparedness in case of a tropical storm or a hurricane, met the afternoon of July 9, prompted by the possible arrival of Tropical Storm Chantal. The meeting took place at the Prime Minister's Office with the attendance of MP Renardo Curry, and was chaired by Administrator

Preston Cunningham. The Port Authority, the Royal Bahamian Defense Force, the Road Traffic Department, The Fire and Rescue Services, the Department of Social Services, The Customs and Immigration Services as well as the Police, the Department of Education, the Ministry of Works, the Airport, BEC and the Red Cross were all represented.

The Administrator identified the

storm shelters and asked the proper people in charge to confirm the state of those shelters and if any repairs were to be taken care of. Dr. Lenora Black informed the Administrator that inspection had been done at Central Abaco Primary School and that the generators were fixed, but Sarone Kennedy with the Red Cross stated the contrary. The administrator demanded that the problems with the generators, if any, be addressed.

It was mentioned that St. Francis de Sales could not be used as a shelter this year again because of roof condition, but all the shelters that were used last year during Hurricane Sandy could be used again this year. On the list besides Central Abaco Primary School, are Abaco Central High School and Friendship Tabernacle Church.

The Administrator expressed his concern about the senior citizens, the weak and the handicapped who would need to be evacuated and requested that Ms. Miller at Social Services give him a list of these people. He also asked that persons with higher vehicles, such as members of the Police, the Royal Defense Force, BEC and BTC be on call in case of evacuation. Administrator Cunningham also inquired about flooding areas and was assured that all the drains had been cleared.

MP Renardo Curry reiterated the ne-

cessity that each command center have cell phones ready, including satellite phones; the satellite number for the Ministry of Tourism is 00881641431600. Those in charge of shelters were told that the shelter managers could be provided with water and food but to remind them to bring personal supplies. People seeking refuge are to bring their own personal supplies including food, water, blankets and pillows.

The administrator also reminded the Command Center Committee members to bring pillows, water, coffee and food. Pastor Mills was asked for his forecast about TS Chantal, and he said that the storm should approach Abaco late Friday and pass over the island Saturday. He reassured the command members that the storm should not be too bad, and predicted 45 to 50 miles per hour winds and relatively light rain, mentioning that the weather should pick up with the high tide around 11:00 p.m. on Friday. He added that the hurricane season is expected to be above normal, with 17 named storms, of which three to four are predicted to be strong hurricanes.



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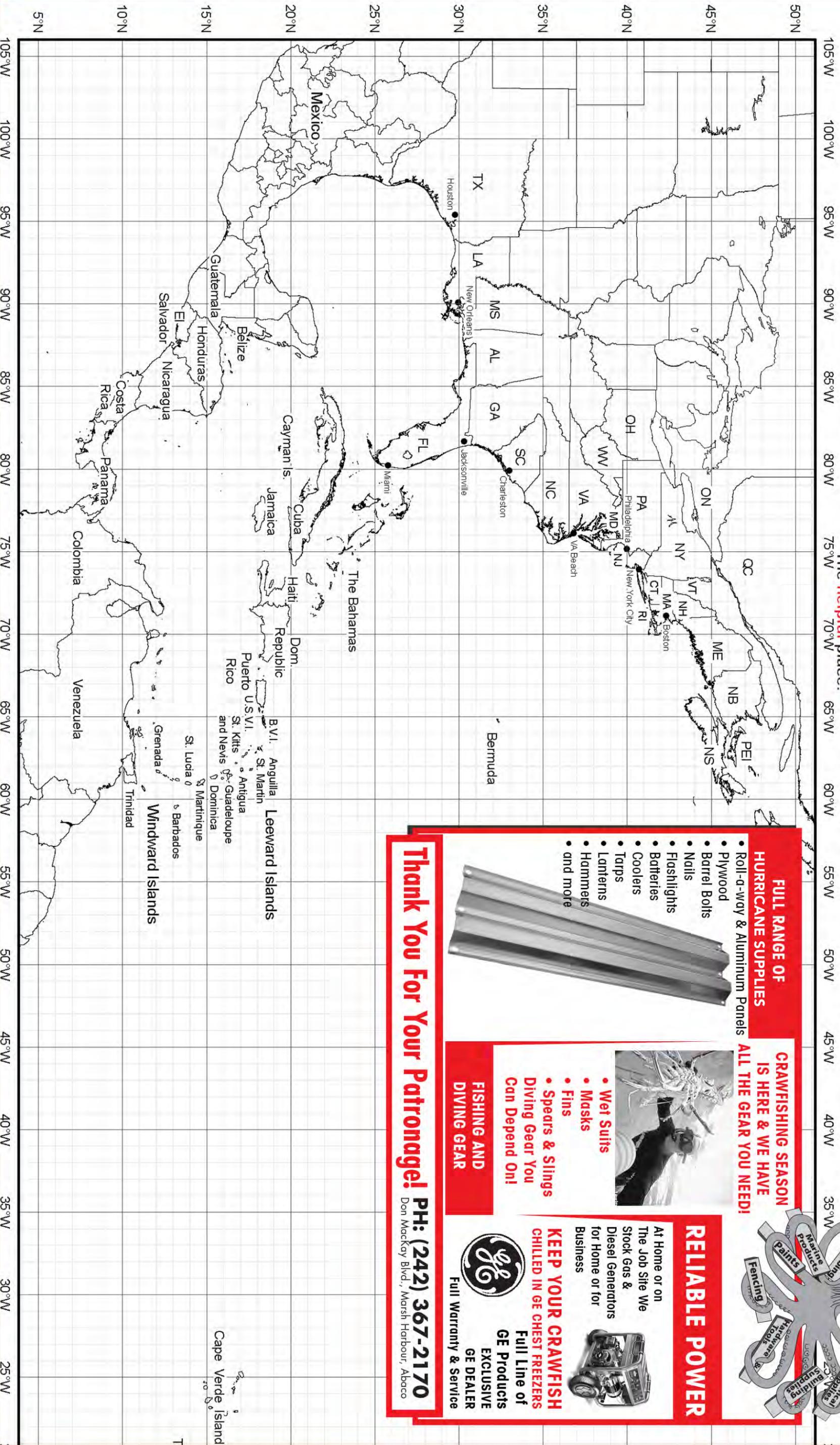
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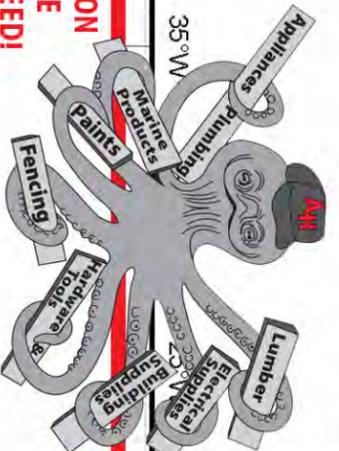
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Hurricane Shelters – Central Abaco

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St. Francis De Sales Church – Marsh Harbour
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Guana Cay All Age School – Guana Cay
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Hope Town

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Moore's Island All Age School – Moore's Island
Sandy Point Community Centre – Sandy Point
Crossing Rocks Primary School – Crossing Rocks
Casuarina Fire Station – Casuarina Point
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Church of God – Green Turtle Cay
St. Andrews Baptist Church – Fire Road
Faith Walk Church of God (Community Centre) – Coopers Town
Ebenezer Baptist Church – Cedar Harbour
New Hope Baptist Church – Mount Hope
Fox Town Primary – Fox Town
Revival Time (Youth Hall) – Crown Haven
Pentecostal Church of God – Grand Cay

Grand Cay All Age School – Grand Cay
Shiloh Baptist Church – Grand Cay

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season begins 1st June and continues through 30th November. Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which winds reach a constant speed of at least 74 mph and may gust to 200 mph. Their heavy bands of spiral clouds may cover an area several hundred miles in diameter and generate torrential rains and tornadoes. The "eye", or middle of the hurricane is deceptively calm, almost free of clouds, with light winds and warm temperatures.

Tropical wave disturbance

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and sustained winds 39-73 mph. Tropical storms can quickly develop into hurricanes. Storms are named when they reach tropical storm strength.

Hurricane

An intense tropical weather system with well defined circulation and sustained wind speed of 74 mph or greater.

Hurricane watch

Hurricane conditions are possible within 24 - 36 hours.

Hurricane warning

Hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours or less

Before a hurricane threatens

Prepare Your Home

Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed during Hurricane Season (June-November). Do NOT trim trees after a Hurricane Watch or Warning has been announced as trimmings could become dangerous missiles.

If you have storm shutters, make sure they are in working order and fit properly. If you do not have shutters, have them installed or lay in a supply of plywood to use as shuttering.

NOTE. Taping windows will not protect your home, although the tape may keep some of the glass from flying into the house when the window is smashed.

Review Your Insurance

It is advisable to secure your insurance policy in advance, no application for insurance will be accepted, or coverage increased, once a Hurricane Watch has been issued for the Bahamas.

Speak to your agent and ask these key questions

Do I have replacement cost coverage on all property, including contents?

What are the deductibles? (Usually 2% of the Sum Insured).

Are there any exclusions?

Does the policy cover flood, wind and storm damage?

If the dwelling is rendered uninhabitable by a hurricane, does the policy cover relocation or temporary housing?

Take photos of your house, inside and out, for documentation of its condition and contents.

Make a list of all your important belongings.

Emergency Equipment And Supplies

Purchase and set aside hurricane supplies - See below for a detailed listing.

Check the working condition of all emergency equipment such as generators, flash lights, battery-powered radios, etc.

Protect Your Business

Make backup plans NOW by identifying and protecting vital records, such as:-

- Computer software
- Accounts receivable records
- Client records
- Other important personnel and administrative documents.

Protect Your Boat

Develop a plan well in advance

You can store a small boat with a trailer in a warehouse or a garage.

If you leave your boat outside, attach the trailer tongue to a firm spot in the ground, deflate the tires, and lash the boat to the trailer. Place boards between the axle and the frame to prevent damage to the trailer springs.

If your boat is in a marina check with the dockmaster for any special requirements.

Your insurance policy should include adequate coverage for damage that your boat may cause to other property.

Inventory all vessel equipment and keep a copy in a safe place off the boat.

Identify safe harbours and take a test run to one NOW, checking route conditions and travel time.

DO NOT, under any circumstances, plan to "ride out" the storm on your boat.

When A Hurricane Threatens

Inside Your Home

Establish a "Safe Room". This should be an interior room, free of windows, or a room with a small window, such as a bathroom. Make sure your safe room has a clear pathway to an exit.

Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.

Turn off your gas at the bottle.

Freeze water in plastic jugs and use them to fill empty spaces in your refrigerator and freezer to help keep food cool.

Prepare an emergency water supply for bathing and sanitary purposes by storing water in clean air-tight containers, including your water heater and washing machine.

Store valuables and personal papers in water-tight containers and store these in the highest possible spot in your home.

Outside Your Home

Put up your shutters or install pre-cut plywood over all windows and glass doors.

Close all windows (Remember to open one on the lee-side during the storm).

DO NOT drain your swimming pool

Add extra chlorine to prevent contamination.

Turn off electricity to pool equipment.

Bring inside all objects that can be blown away, including garbage cans, TV antennas, satellite dishes, lawn furniture, garden tools and potted plants. Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.

If you don't have a garage or

carport, park your car as close to the house as possible away from trees.

Fill your car's gas tank early, after a hurricane gasoline may not be available due to power outages.

Supplies Checklist

Have a two week-supply of the following

Water (One gallon per person per day)

Non-perishable foods: canned meat, fish, fruit and vegetables

Bread in moisture proof packaging, cookies, candy, dried fruit

Canned soups, juices

Powdered milk or single serve drinks

Cereal bars, peanut butter and jelly

Instant coffee and/or tea

Flashlight (one per person) and extra batteries

Portable battery-powered lantern

Battery operated or wind-up radio or TV

Portable cooler and ice

Weatherproof matches

Butane lighter

Cooking Equipment

Sterno

Portable camp stove or grill and extra fuel

Stove fuel or charcoal, lighter fluid

Manual can opener

- Disposable eating utensils
- Plates and cups
- Napkins and paper towels
- Aluminium foil
- Oven mitts

Medical and emergency supplies

First aid kit including pain reliever, antibiotic cream, antacids

Prescriptions (one month's supply)

Mosquito repellent

Mosquito net

Sun screen (45 SPF recommended)

ABC rated fire extinguisher

Cash

Bleach or water purification tablets

Water and fireproof container for document storage

Documents

Photocopies of prescriptions

Photo identification

Medical history and information

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Disposable diapers (month's supply)

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Hurricane Season

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Formula, food and medication

Other Necessities

Tools: hammer, wrenches, screwdrivers, nails, saw, tree saw
 Trash bags (lots of them)
 Cleaning supplies
 Plastic drop cloth
 Masking or duct tape (for packaging purposes)
 outdoor extension cord

Personal Supplies
 Toilet paper
 Entertainment: book, magazines, card games, etc
 Soap and detergent
 Toiletries
 Rain ponchos and work gloves
 Extra glasses or contact lenses

Babies
 Disposable diapers (month's supply)
 Formula, food and medication

During The Storm

Do remember to open a window or door on the lee-side if the house to relieve pressure in the house.

After The Storm

Do keep an ear on your radio in case storm returns, or another threatens

Stay away from ALL downed power lines. Even if power is off in your neighborhood, the lines may still be "live".

Call utility company immediately to report downed lines or broken water mains

Take picture of your home, then make temporary repairs to prevent further damage. Save receipts for all transactions (This is so you can present evidence to insurer, all of whom like to see evidence).

Don't drink untreated water (See note below).

Don't call any emergency number except for a life-threatening situation.

Don't walk around without shoes or allow children to play in standing water.

Don't run a generator indoors, even in the garage.

Don't connect a generator to your house wiring, unless the house wiring has been checked by a competent electrician and the mains power has been isolated.

It is best to use stored or bottled water for cooking, drinking and your pets, store it in a cool dark place.

If you are suspicious of your water supply please take the following precautions:-

1 Remove particles by straining the water through a paper towel, cloth or coffee filter

2 Purify the water by doing one of the following (both, if possible)

Boil at a rolling rate for at least three minutes.

Add 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach that contains 5.25 or 6.0 percent sodium hypochlorite as the active ingredient, to one gallon of water. Let stand for 30 minutes. If water smells slightly of bleach, it is safe for use. If not, repeat the process. If the water still does not smell of bleach, discard it and find another source of water.

Important Numbers

Police: Emergencies Only

Marsh Harbour - 911 or 367-3437
 Cooper's Town - 365-0002 or 365-0004

Fox Town - 365-2111 or 365-2117
 Green Turtle Cay - 365-4133
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Environmental Health: 699-0032
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North Abaco

Little Abaco honours teacher after 44 Years

Fox Town, Abaco came alive for three days on the 20-22 July when former students of Fox Town All Age School honoured Ralph Hanna. Mr. Hanna, affectionately known as "Teacher Hanna," was flown in for a special celebration and thanks for his contribution to the community some 50 odd years ago. There was a flurry of activities designed to show their appreciation for the great work he had done during his eleven years as Principal of Fox Town All Age School (1958-1969).

Some of the initiatives he implemented during that time included raising community awareness, initiating sports programs and started the Ranfurly Portable Library among many other achievements and projects.

The committee, led by the Reverend Elon McIntosh of Wood Cay Baptist Church along with Mary Taylor of Nassau and Leo Wells of Grand Bahama, welcomed Mr. Hanna and his family to Abaco with a grand sporting event at the Fox Town Park.

Meals were prepared by members of the community. There, Mr. Hanna greeted his former students as well as a good number of the community who remembered him fondly. It was a rather refreshing period of revisiting the good old times.

Comfortable housing with a beautiful view was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rolle at New Hope Travellers' Rest, Mount Hope, Abaco and delicious meals were prepared by Birdie McIntosh at her Restaurant in Mount Hope. Treats from the garden were provided by Reverend Ezekiel McIntosh of Wood Cay, who has generously kept up this tradition from 50 years ago.

On Sunday morning a tearful service was held under the theme, "Cast your



Above: a photograph of Mr. Hanna and one of his students he had not seen since about 44 years ago.

bread upon the waters." A powerful sermon was given by the Reverend John McIntosh, pastor of the New Hope Ministries at Mount Hope. A special treat was the song selection by Mr. Lionel Wells and a special selection by his former students, several of whom had made a special trip to be present at the service.

Gifts included a generous purse and a specially handmade work of art designed for him by Mrs. Lovely Reckley of Marsh Harbour.

Mr. Hanna and his family, under the direction of Captains Leon Pinder and Don Rolle were taken out on a very successful fishing trip. Fish were caught by every member of the family. In about an hour and a half, they were able to return to the dock with a cooler full of fish. A tearful Mr. Hanna thanked his students and the community of Fox Town for a celebration that was fit for a king.

Earlier this year in keeping with the 40th Anniversary Independence of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas celebrations, Mr. Hanna was one of the honourees chosen by the Fox Town School to be singled out for special honours at the ceremony held in April. The current Principal of Fox Town Primary, Mrs. Yolanda Curry, along with her teachers, students and staff honoured Mr. Ralph Hanna, Austin Mills and Thomas McIntosh who all had served as past principals of the school.

A special assembly was organized for the three men as their contributions to education were celebrated through poetry and song.

On this occasion, Mr. Hanna donated a digital camera for the use of the school. He also took the opportunity to teach a lesson to a fifth grade class to whom he gave a homework assignment. This assignment was collected when Mr. Hanna was called back a second time in the space of three months to be honoured by the students for whom he actually served as teacher and principal during his time in Fox Town Primary.

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TREASURE CAY

Houses

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"Full Moon" - # 2163 - 4 bed, 4 bath, 2 level furnished canal home, 2,990 s/f under air, recently renovated, many upgrades. 86' deep water dock & boat lift. **\$ 895,000.**

TREASURE CAY

Houses

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Beach Villa # 638 - # 2306 - 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,127 s/f tastefully furnished home on large double lot, washer/dryer in unit, near beach, good rental income potential. **\$349,000.**

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North Abaco

Fire Road organizes first fishing tournament and Independence Festival

By Canishka Alexander

The first O'Donnell McIntosh Snapper Fishing Tournament and Independence Festival for Fire Road took place on July 12-14 at the Fire Road Public Bay. Ashley Clarke was the moderator for the opening ceremony, which began with a performance from a group of young praise dancers.

Following the opening prayer by Leslie Cornish, Eric Collie Sr. welcomed everyone to the grand celebration and to a community that makes everyone feel at home. He declared that Fire Road has some of the best people in The Bahamas particularly in the sporting arena with world-class athletes like Savatheda Fynes and Troy McIntosh.

"Then you have some of the best bonefishers and the fishermen around here," he boasted. "And I ain' calling no name 'cause I don't want take no blame."

Administrator Neil Campbell applauded the commitment of the committee and executive members for the festival. He extended his support to the members in making the event a bigger and better one in the years to come.

Clarke welcomed Ronald Bootle and O'Donald McIntosh to carry out the "Did You Know?" segment of the festival. McIntosh said he was proud to see where they came from and where they are now.

"I wonder if anyone knows how Fire Road got its name," McIntosh questioned. "My father and grandfather told me that one time they had a fire, and in those days you didn't have fire engines. All the town got together as one and made a fire road to

prevent it from coming into the town.

"And that's how Fire Road got its name - Fire Road."

He recalled how different his childhood days were because everyone was united and a spirit of love prevailed. They would fly kites, spin tops or shoot marbles together. Children would have to walk to school, and if it rained, they had no choice but to walk in the water.

He said that only one person drove a car in the community back then. Although the car was owned by a Mr. Russell from Crown Haven, Mr. Freddie Burrows was the driver. Because there was no road to the airport, Mr. Burrows had to walk from Fire Road to Treasure Cay Airport to drive the taxi that day and then walk back home at night.

Turning his attention back to the event, he had one more thing to say.

"We fall so far apart because there is nothing to really bring us together, so we thought that something like this would bring us together," he reflected.

In his speech, Einar Cornish also recalled fond memories of Fire Road. He said that because of the proximity of Cooper's Town and Fire Road many of the people are related to each other. Cornish encouraged his colleagues to come together to assist the young people in bringing the community together.

One of the highlights of the festival was the awards presentation for the North Abaco Baseball Team. Craig Kemp, president of the Bahamas Baseball Federation (BBF), said it was his first visit to the community; however, his emphasis was



Above: the community gathered for Fire Road's festival.

on the young people. He was joined by Teddy Sweeting, BBF Secretary General, who assisted him with the distribution of medals to the outstanding players and their coaches.

"I could tell you that you should be very proud of these young men here tonight," Kemp said. "It is not easy by any form of imagination to come to our nationals where we have over 800 kids competing from all over the country in six age groups, and you have nine age teams or island in the 11-12 age group performing. Your young men right here from Fire Road would have come third out of nine islands."

Kemp said it speaks well of the community as he commended Nigel Bootle for his dedication and consistency in being a coach and father figure to the boys. In his eight years as president, Kemp said it was his first time ever taking the liberty to come to a Family Island to make a special presentation.

The longest living members of Fire Road were also given recognition for their

contributions. Savatheda Fynes read the biography of Ethilee Lewis, 94, and the oldest living female in Fire Road. The biography of oldest living male, Rev. Eulin McIntosh, 79, was also read. Family members collected presentations from the committee on the honourees' behalf.

That weekend, New Direction Gospel group performed in a gospel concert at the site. The rest of the weekend was set aside for the fishing tournament and other outdoor activities, but the rain cancelled the remainder of the festival. Committee member Carolee Russell said that there are plans to organize an event for the Oct .12 weekend.

"It was a success that Friday night," Russell said. "We had planned for a live band with a fashion and talent show but it rained, so we will continue the fishing tournament in October."

In the meantime, Russell said the committee expects to organize a fish fry for August Monday, but nothing was confirmed as yet.



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The Cays

Barefoot Man Summer Concert entertains Guana



George "Barefoot Man" Nowak made his second appearance in Abaco for the year. The popular performer conducted his Summer concert at Nippers on Guana Cay during July 19 -20.

This particular concert was considered by many attending to be one of the more fun and relaxed of the more than decade long series. "Chantal" a possible Tropical Storm that threatened around the time of the concern, but ended up fizzling out, drove away some boaters. But those that remained for the concert thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Nowak had this to say about the popular series of concerts, "Personally I am surprised year after year on how the occasion maintains its popularity. We have people coming from far away as Hawaii to revel the weekend on Guana and I am honored to be part of the Nippers-Barefoot weekend."

The first of the 2014 concerts are planned for March 21-22.

Above: "Barefoot Man" with Nippers' staff. George Nowak has been performing at Nippers seasonally for over a decade and the event remains a popular item on many visitors' and locals' calendars. Photo courtesy of Nippers.

Albury's Ferry Service

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REGULAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town

20 minute ride

7:15am / 9:00am / 10:30am / 12:15pm 2:00pm
4:00pm / 5:45pm

Hope Town to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am / 1:30pm 3:00pm
4:00pm / 5:00pm / 6:30pm

Marsh Harbour to Man-O-War

20 minute ride

7:15 / 10:30am / 12:15pm / 2:30pm*
4:00pm / 5:45pm
*Except Sundays and Holidays

Man-O-War to Marsh Harbour

8:00am / 11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:15pm* / 5:00pm
*Except Sundays and Holidays

Marsh Harbour to Scotland/Guana Cay

30 minute ride

6:45am / 10:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm 5:45pm

Scotland/Guana Cay to Marsh Harbour

8:am / 11:30am / 2:30pm / 4:45pm / 6:30pm

Any stops outside the main harbour will be a minimum charge of two persons. Two persons or over will remain at regular charge.

During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for any changes.

REGULAR FERRY FARES

One Way: \$17.00

Round Trip - Open Return: \$27.00

Children 6-11: Half Price

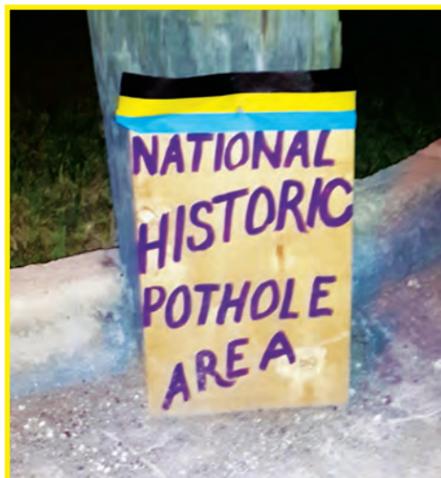
Children 5 and under: Free

Hope Town and Man-O-War ferries depart from the Ferry Dock at Crossing Beach.

Guana /Scotland Cay depart from the Conch Inn.

Prices subject to change without notice.

Dis' and 'Dat



Pothole Preservation Society petitions for historical sites

Several street corners throughout Marsh Harbour have been singled out by the Pothole Preservation Society as "National Historic Pothole Areas."

While the Society has no official associations with any government agency, the fact that the areas designated by the Society have, in fact, remained full of potholes it is safe to assume their recommendations have been accepted.

A Society representative could not be reached for comment.



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Island-wide Abaco Listings

Abaco Cottage 114 hse 366-0576
Abaco Vacation Planner + 25 hse 367-3529

Casuarina Point

Sea Grape/Coco Plum 2 Units 367-2107

Cherokee

Lee Pinder 3 hse 366-2053
Marina Albury Cottages 5 cottages 366-2075

Grand Cay

Rosie's Place 352-5458

Green Turtle Cay

Barefoot Homes 14 hse 577-4092
Bluff House Club 12 units 365-4200
Cocobay Cottages 6 cott 800-752-0166
Green Turtle Club 35 rm 365-4271
Island Properties 34 hse 365-4047
New Plymouth Inn 9 rm 365-4161
Ocean Blue Properties 34 hse 365-4636
Other Shore Club 365-4226
Roberts Cottages 3 cott 365-4105

Guana Cay

Dive Guana 11 hse 365-5178
Dolphin Bch Resort 4 rm 10 cott. 365-5137
Guana Sunset Beach 13 units 365-5133
Ocean Frontier 6 cott 519-389-4846
Ward's Landing 4 units 904-982-2762
Ruth Sands 9 hse 365-5140

Hope Town

Abaco Inn 22 rm 366-0133
Crystal Villas 5 villas 321-452-0164
Elbow Cay Prop 53 hse 366-0035
Firefly Resort 7 villas 366-0145
Hope T Harb Lodge 25 rm 366 0095
Hope T Hideaways 63 hse 366-0224
Hope Town Inn 6 rm 4 Villas 3 Suites 366-0003
Hope T Villas 3 hse 366-0266

Hope Town..cont

Lighthouse Rentals 4 cott 366-0154
Sea Gull Cottages 4 hse 366-0266
Sea Spray Resort 6 villas 366-0065
Tanny Key 43 hse 366-0053
Turtle Hill 4 villas 366-0557

Lubbers' Quarters Cay

Lubbers' Landing 4 villas 577-2000

Man-O-War

Island Home Rentals 2 hse 365-6048
Waterway Rentals 14 hse 365-6143

Marsh Harbour area

Abaco Beach Resort 82 rms 367-2158
Abaco Real Estate 6 hse 367-2719
Abaco Towns 16 apts 367-0148
Ambassador Inn 6 rms 367-2022
Conch Inn 9 rms 367-4000
Living Easy 16 hse 367-2202
Island Breezes Motel 8 rms 367-3776
Lofty Fig Villas 6 eff 367-2681
Pelican Beach Villas 6 cott 367-3600
Regattas 32 apts 577-6764
HG Christie 11 hse 367-4151

Sandy Point

Oeisha's Resort 366-4139
Pete & Gay's Resort 14 rm 366-4119
Rickmon's Bonefishing 10 rm 800-628-1447

Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Resort 18 rm 6 hse 365-0083

Treasure Cay

Abaco Estate Services Mult hse 365-8752
Bahama Beach Club 88 units 365-8500
Brigantine Bay Villas 5 units 877-786-8455
Treasure Cay Resort 95 rms 365-8801

Turtle Rock

Villas at Palmetto Beach 3 villas 262-820-1900

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Visitors' Guide

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Ferry Schedules • Departure times shown • Daily service unless noted

Marsh Harbour to Hope Town or Man-O-War - 20 minutes, Guana Cay - 30 minutes

Albury's Ferry Service • Ph 367-3147 or 367-0290 • VHF Ch. 16 • Hope Town & Man-O-War from Crossing Bch Marsh Harbour > Hope Town 7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:15pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00 am 9:45am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:30pm
Marsh Harbour > Man-O-War 10:30am 12:15pm 2:30pm* 4:00pm 5:45pm
Return: 8:00am 11:30am 1:30pm 3:15pm* 5:00pm
Marsh H. > Guana Cay/Scotland cay From Conch Inn
(6:45am - Union Jack Dock) 10:30am 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:45pm
Return: 8 am 11:30am 2:30pm 4:45pm 6:30pm

* Not on Sundays or holidays

Fare • Adult prepaid one way \$17 / open return \$27, • Kids 6-11 half, Under 6 free (Phone after hours 359-6861)
Note: During the month of August through December there are some adjustments made to the schedule. You are advised to contact the office for the changes.

Green Turtle Ferry • Phone 365-4166, 4128 • VHF Ch 16 • Ten minute ride
T Cay Airport > Green T Cay 8:30am 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2:30pm 3:30pm 4:30pm* 5:00pm
Return: 8am 9am 11am 12:15pm 1:30pm 3:00pm 4:30pm**

* Note: 4:30 pm trip to GTC not on Sundays ** Note: 4:30 pm trip will be made from New Plymouth only
New Plymouth :One way adult \$12 (Children \$7) • Round trip \$17 (Children \$10) • Extra to some GT Cay docks

Abaco Adventures • Ph 365-8749 or 375-8123 VHF Ch 16 Charters Available
Treasure Cay to Guana Cay Sunday departs 11:00am & returns 3:30 p.m. \$50 Round Trip
T Cay to Man-O-War/ Hope Town - Saturday departs 9:30 am, \$60 Round Trip

Pinder's Ferry Service Between Abaco & Grand Bahama
Crown Haven, Abaco to McLean's Town, Grand Bah. Daily 7:00 am & 2:30 pm
McLean's Town to Crown Haven - return Daily 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Fare \$45 OW / \$90 RT • Children half fare • Call Abaco 365-2356 for information
Bus between Freeport and McLean's Town • Rental automobiles at both terminals.

Bahamas Ferries Summer Schedule only (April to Dec)
Sandy Point & Nassau Every Friday & Sunday, except holidays, under 4 hours. Call 225-3376 or 366-4119
Call for rates.

The Great Abaco Express Eco & Historical bus tours • Call 367-2165 or 559-9160

Attractions

Albert Lowe Museum.....	Green Turtle Cay
Capt Roland Roberts House, reef exhibits..	Green Turtle Cay
Memorial Sculpture Garden	Green Turtle Cay
Wyannie Malone Historical Museum	Hope Town
Elbow Cay Lighthouse	Hope Town
Swim Mermaid Reef off Marsh Harbour	Pelican Shore
Drive to & swim in Blue Hole.....	Treasure Cay farm road
Art studio & working foundry	Little Harbour
Man-O-War Heritage Museum.....	Man-O-War Cay
Man-O-War Boatyards	Man-O-War Cay
Hole-in- Wall lighthouse -very rough road.....	South Abaco
Cedar Harbour plantation ruins - need guide...North Abaco	
Blackwood blue hole & sisal mill.....	North Abaco
Abaco wild horses by appointment.....	367-4805
Bird watching - ask tourism.....	367-3067

Beaches

Pocket
Crossing Beach in Marsh Harbour
Witches Point - 3 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
Little Harbour - 20 miles S. of Marsh Harbour
Cherokee - 23 miles S of Marsh Harbour

Miles of beach (most exposed to ocean)
• Treasure Cay • Green Turtle Cay • Guana Cay • Elbow Cay
• Man-O-War Cay • Casuarina Point • Bahama Palm Shore
• Sandy Point and more

Charter Fishing Boats

Lucky Strike - Hope Town	366-0101
Sea Gull - Hope Town	366-0266
A Salt Weapon - Hope Town	366-0245
Down Deep	366-3143
Local Boy	366-0528
Back Breaker	366-5140

Abaco Marinas - Slips - Fuel - Phone

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	38	F	365-4247
Green Turtle Club	40	F	365-4271
Black Sound Marina	15		365-4531
Other Shore Club	15	F	365-4226
Abaco Yacht Service.....	10	F	365-4033
Leeward Yacht Club.....	26		365-4191

Treasure Cay

Treasure Cay Marina.....	150.....	F.....	365-8250
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Man-O-War

Man-O-War Marina	28	F.....	365-6008
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Marsh Harbour

Boat Harbour Marina	192	F.....	367-2158
Conch Inn.....	72	F.....	367-4000
Harbour View Marina	40	F	367-2182
Mangoes Marina	29		367-4255
Marsh Harbour Marina.....	62	F.....	367 2700

Hope Town

Hope Town Marina	62		366-0003
Lighthouse Marina.....	6	F.....	366-0154
Sea Spray	60	F.....	366-0065

South Abaco

Schooner Bay	15	F.....	475-7626
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Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay Marina.....	40	F.....	365-0083
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Guana Cay

Bakers Bay Marina	158		365-5802
Guana Hide-aways.....	37		365-5070
Orchid Bay.....	66	F.....	365-5175

Boats can clear Customs at Green Turtle Cay, Treasure Cay or Marsh Harbour

Tours & Excursions

Abaco Island Tours • Marsh Harbour	367-2936
Abaco Neem • Marsh Harbour	367-4117
Abaco's Nature Adventure	577-0004
Adventure on Prozac - T Cay	365-8749
Brendals Dive • Green Turtle Cay.....	365-4411
C & C Charters • Treasure Cay	365-8506
Dive Abaco Since 1978 • Marsh Harbour.....	367-2787
Excursion boat, Froggies • Hope Town	366-0024

Bikes & Scooters • Boats

Cars & Cart Rentals

Marsh Harbour

A & P Car Rentals	367-2655
Abaco Dorado Boat Rentals.....	367-1035
Bargain Car Rentals	367-0500
Blue Wave Boat Rentals	367-3910
Cruise Abaco.....	577-0148
Quality Star Car Rentals (Texaco).....	367-2979
Rainbow Boat Rentals.....	367-4602
Rental Wheels Scooters, Bikes, Cars.....	367-4643
Rich's Boat Rentals	367-2742
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	367-2513
Sea Star Car Rentals	367-4887
The Moorings Boat Rentals	367-4000

Green Turtle Cay

Brendals Dive Bikes & Kayak rental	365-4411
C & D Cart Rental	365-4311
Cruising Cart Rentals	365-4065
D & P Cart Rental	365-4655
Donnie's Boat Rentals.....	365-4119
Kool Karts	365-4176
Reef Boat Rentals	365-4145
Sea Side Carts & Bikes	365-4147
T & A Cart Rentals	365-4259

Guana Cay

Donna Sands Cart Rentals	365-5195
Dive Guana Boats & Bikes.....	365-5178
Orchid Bay Cart rentals.....	365-5175

Lubbers Quarters

Cruise Abaco	321-220-8796
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Man-O-War

Conch Pearl Boat Rentals.....	365-6502
Ria-Mar Golf Cart Rentals.....	365-6024
Waterways Boat Rental	357-6540 & 365-6143

Hope Town

Cat's Paw Boat Rentals	366-0380
Elbow Cay Cart	366-0530
Hope Town Cart Rentals	366-0064
Island Cart Rentals	366-0448
Island Marine Boat Rentals	366-0282
J R's Cart Rental.....	366-0361
Sea Horse Boat Rentals	366-0023
T & N Cart Rentals	366-0069

Treasure Cay

Abaco Adventures - Kayaks	365-8749
Blue Marlin Rentals	365-8687
Cash's Carts	365-8771
Cornish Car Rentals	365-8623
JIC Boat Rentals	365-8582
Triple J Car Rentals	365-8761
Wendal's Bicycle Rentals.....	365-8687

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Bonefish Guides

Casuarina Point		Marsh Harbour cont...	
Junior Albury.....	366-3058	Terrance Davis.....	375-8550
Cherokee		Buddy Pinder.....	366-2163
Donnie Lowe.....	366-2275	Justin Sands	359-6890
Maxwell Sawyer.....	366-3058	Danny Sawyer	367-3577
Marty Sawyer.....	366-2115	Jay Sawyer.....	367-3941
Randy Sawyer	366-2284	North Abaco	
Will Sawyer	366-2177	O'Donald McIntosh...477-5037	
Crossing Rocks		Alexander Rolle	365-0120
Tony Russell	366-3259	Edward Rolle	365-0024
Green Turtle Cay		Pedro Thurston.....	365-2405
Rick Sawyer.....	365-4261	Sandy Point	
Ronnie Sawyer	357-6667	Valantino Adderley....	366-4323
Hope Town		Anthony Bain	366-4107
Maitland Lowe	366-0234	Rickmon's.....	366-4139/4477
Tom Albury.....	366-3141	Pete's Guest House....	366-4119
Marsh Harbour		Patrick Roberts.....	366-4285
Jody Albury.....	375-8068	Treasure Cay	
Sidney Albury.....	477-5996	Capt. Joe Pritchard...559-9117	
Richard Albury.....	577-0313	Carey McKenzie.....	365-8313

Restaurant Guide

Prices \$ Low, \$\$ Moderate, \$\$\$ Upper
(Based on dinner entree range)

+ Picnic tables & restroom only † Provides ride from town

Marsh Harbour

Abaco Pizza.....	\$.....	367-4488
Anglers	\$\$\$.....	367-2158
Casiah's.....	\$.....	367-0514
Curly Tails	\$\$\$.....	367-4444
Golden Grouper.....	\$\$.....	367-2301
Island Family Rest	\$\$.....	367-3778
Java Coffee House	\$.....	367-5523
Jamie's Place	\$.....	367-2880
Junovia's.....	\$\$.....	367-1271
Jib Room	\$\$.....	367-2700
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$.....	367-2615
Mangoes	\$\$\$.....	367-2366
Rum Runners.....	\$\$.....	367-0171
Snack Shack +	\$.....	367-4005
Snappas	\$\$.....	367-2278
Wallys	\$\$\$.....	367-2074

Hope Town

Abaco Inn	\$\$\$.....	366-0133
Cap'n Jacks	\$\$.....	366-0247
Firefly.....	\$\$\$.....	366-0145
Harbour's Edge	\$\$.....	366-0087
HT Coffee House (B & L)	\$.....	366-0760
HT Inn & Marina.....	\$\$.....	366-0003
HT Harbour Lodge	\$\$\$.....	366-0095
Munchies	\$.....	366-0423
OnDa Beach	\$\$.....	366-0558
Sea Spray †	\$\$.....	366-0065
Sugar Shack +	\$.....	366-0788

Little Harbour

Pete's Pub.....	\$\$.....	366-3503
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Lubber's Quarter

Cracker P's.....	\$\$.....	366-3139
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Man-O-War

Bradley's on the Harbour.....	\$.....	365-6380
Dock'n Dine.....	\$.....	365-6139
Island Treats Snack Bar	\$.....	365-6501

Guana Cay

Baker's Bay - Market Place	\$\$\$.....	612-1021
Grabbers	\$\$.....	365-5133
Nippers	\$\$.....	365-5143
Orchid Bay.....	\$\$\$.....	365-5175

Treasure Cay

Coco Beach Bar & Grill.....	\$.....	365-8470
Florence's Cafe.....	\$\$.....	365-8354
Spinnaker Restaurant	\$\$\$.....	365-8469
Touch of Class	\$\$\$.....	365-8195
Treasure Sands Club	\$\$\$.....	365-9385

Green Turtle Cay

Bluff House	\$\$\$.....	365-4200
Jolly Roger Bistro	\$\$.....	365-4247
Green Turtle Club	\$\$\$.....	365-4271
Harvey's Island Grill.....	\$\$.....	365-4389
Lizard Bar & Grill.....	\$\$.....	365-4191
McIntosh's Restaurant	\$\$.....	365-4625
Miss Emily's Restaurant.....	\$\$.....	365-4181
New Plymouth Inn.....	\$\$.....	365-4161
Pineapple Restaurant Bar & Grill\$\$.....		365-4039
Plymouth Rock Cafe	\$\$.....	365-4234
Shorties Take-a-way.....	\$\$.....	365-4342
Sundowners	\$\$.....	365-4060

Sandy Point

Nancy's.....	\$\$.....	366-4120
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Emergency Services

Police - Marsh Harbour	367-3437 • 911
Police - Hope Town	366-0667
Police - Man-O-War	365-6911
Police - Treasure Cay	365-8048
Police - Green Turtle Cay	365-4550
B. Electricity Corp	367-2727, 367-2846, 367-4667
Water & Sewerage	475-1499, 475-5518

The following services are provided by volunteers

Fire - Marsh Harbour	367-2000
Fire - Hope Town VHF Ch 16 • Fire - Green Turtle Cay	475-1768
Fire - Man-O-War	365-4019
Treasure Cay Fire & Rescue	365-9111
BASRA Bah Air Sea Rescue.....Marine VHF 16.....	366-0282
Hope Town 366-0549	Marsh Harbour 367-3752
Guana Cay 365-5178	Treasure Cay 365-8749

Medical Services

Abaco Family Medicine, Marsh Harbour	367-2295
Abaco Medi-Center.....	367-9999
Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic	367-0020
Chiropractor-Dr. Lewis.....	367-0020
Corbett Clinic, Treasure Cay	365-8288
Integrated Medical Center.....	367-1304
Emergency	458-1234
Marsh Harbour Medical Centre.....	367-0050
Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour	367-2510
Government Clinic, Cooper's Town	365-0300
Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay	365-4028
Government Clinic, Hope Town	366-0108
Government Clinic, Sandy Point.....	366-4010
Out Island Chiropractor.....	367-2584

Dental Services

Agape Family Dental, Marsh Harbour.....	367-4355
Abaco Dental Asso.....	367-0164
Diamante Dental, Marsh Harbour.....	367-4968
Man O War Dental Clinic.....	365-6508

Pharmacy

Abaco Island Pharmacy, Marsh Harbour.....	367-2544
Chemist shoppe, Marsh Harbour.....	367-3106

Veterinary

Caribbean Veterinary Centre, Marsh Harbour.....	367-3551
Island Veterinary Clinic, Marsh Harbour.....	367-0062

Airlines Serving Abaco

Abaco Air - Nassau, N Eleuthera, Moores Is	367-2266
AirGate Aviation - New Smyrna Beach.....	367-1900
American Eagle - Miami	367-2231
US Reservation.....	1-800-433-7300
Bahamasair - Nassau,W. Palm B, Ft Laud	367-2095
Regional - Freeport.....	367-0446
Silver Airline - Orlando, Ft. Laud and W Palm Beach	367-3415
US Reservation.....	1-800-231-0856
Sky Bahamas - Nassau	367-0996
Reservation.....	1-242-377-8993
Western Air - Nassau	367-3722
Local air charters serving Bahamas & S.Florida	
Abaco Air	367-2266
Cherokee Air Charters	367-1920

Dive Shops

Abaco Dive Adventures, Marsh Harbour.....	367-2963
Dive Abaco Since1978, Marsh Harbour.....	367-2787
Dive Time, Man-O-War.....	365-6235
Froggies, Hope Town	366-0431
Treasure Divers, Treasure Cay.....	365-8571
Brendal's Dive, Green T. Cay.....	365-4411
Dive Guana.....	



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 - Dock
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 - 4 Bd, 4 Bth
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 - Best Estate on Elbow Cay
 - Beach lot 2.24 Acres
 - 419' Atlantic Beachfront
 - 395' on Canal
 - 2 Cottages with dock
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 - 160' on High Creek
 - 25' Elevations
 #HTH1200 \$2,999,900



Green Turtle Cay
 - 3 Bd, 3 Bth
 - 2,116 s.f.
 - 2nd level Master Suite
 - 6727 s.f. - 0.154 Acres
 - White Sound views
 - Yachtsmen Cottage at The Bluff House
 - Turn Key
 #GTH1210 - \$599,000



Green Turtle Cay
 - 33,342 s.f. - 0.765 Acre
 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath
 - Covered Porch
 - Impact Doors/Windows
 - Turkish Tile Floors
 - Pickled vaulted ceilings
 - Community Dock Access
 #GTH1162 - \$1,999,000



Great Guana Cay
 Two houses available
 - 12,105 s.f. - 0.277 Acre
 - 60' Atlantic Beach
 - 642 s.f. - 2 bd - 2 bth
 - 1,558 s.f. - 3 bd - 2 bth
 - Beautiful views of Atlantic Ocean
 - Close to town
 #GGH1191 \$449,000
 #GGH1190 \$699,000

ELBOW CAY

"BERKLEY'S BLUFF" - 31,000 s.f. - 0.7116 Acre - 100' of Atlantic ocean frontage - 275' depth - Great elevations - overlooks surfer's beach. #HTV1125 - BRING OFFERS **REDUCED** \$325,000.

GREAT GUANA CAY

"SEA TO BAY" - This exceptional parcel at the south end of Great Guana Cay with great elevation offers 3.4 Acres of prime property, 201.87' Atlantic frontage and 159.15' on the Sea of Abaco overlooking private harbour protected by over 15' high solid rock walls-includes 2 boat slips. Property can be divided. #GGV1008 \$1,472,000.

"CLAIRE'S BEACH" - Beachfront building site - 31,243 s.f. - 0.717 Acre - 117' of Atlantic beachfront - Dock access - good elevations superb ocean views. #GGV1006 - \$478,000.

"LOST SHAKER" - 36,839 s.f. - 0.847 Acre - 65' of Atlantic beachfront - Dolphin Beach Estates - oversized parcel - good elevations easement to beach. #GGV1000 \$460,000.

"ATLANTIS" - 19,239 s.f. - 0.4417 Acre - 95' of Atlantic beachfront Semi-private dock. #GGV1135 **REDUCED** \$350,000.

"SEAVIEW" - Dolphin Beach Estates - 24,292 s.f. - 0.557 Acre 136' prime waterfront - great elevations - fabulous views of Delia's Cay and the Sea of Abaco. Shared dock access or can build a private dock on shoreline - 8' depth at MLW - #GGV1118 - \$368,000.

GREEN TURTLE CAY

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Green Turtle Cay
 - 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath
 - 2,048 s.f.
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 - 4 Single Townhouses
 - Resort/Accommodation
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 - 384 s.f. of sun porches
 - Rental History
 - Located at Bluff House
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Junior golf program continues its 5th year at The Abaco Club



Above: students learning golf etiquette and techniques with Golf Pro Marley Hield at Abaco Clubs' Junior Golf Program. For the story see page 7.

Sands Boat Sculling championship a success on Abaco



The Sculling Race was the final event of the day, which took place at 6pm. It was preceded by the Junior Sailing Race and E-Class Race. Pictured are competitors in the Sculling Race, racing their way to the finish line. (Photo courtesy of Keen i Media.)

By Canishka Alexander

Bahamian Brewery and Sands Beer began their Sands Man in the Boat Sculling Championship with a Sculling Boat Motorcade that led to the Treasure Cay Public Beach on the weekend of July 19 to 20.

With the Junior Sailing set for 9 a.m. that Saturday, followed by the E-Class sailing and the sculling championship that afternoon, clear skies and a brisk breeze greeted its participants. As organizers waited for races to begin, small children took advantage of the beach – diving and frolicking in the translucent, cool waters. Food vendors served delicious dinners of chicken, pork chops, ribs and fish with side orders of crab n' rice, peas n' rice, macaroni and cole slaw. Freshly made conch salad was made on location as well as conch fritters. Mixed drinks and soft drinks were affordably sold at the bar.

Overlooking the race, Lynden Johnson, sales and marketing manager was excited to see the launch of their first Abaco event. Also in attendance was James "Jimmy" Sands, CEO; Everette Sands, director; Berkley Williamson, general manager; Garrad Sawyer; and Gary Sands.

"The response from North Abaco is overwhelming, and I know that this event will be the highlight of the day," Johnson assured. "We are 100 percent Bahamian, and we are glad to be here today and be a

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part of this community.”
 He explained that a portion of the proceeds raised from the sculling championship would go toward the Cooper’s Town Public Library. There was also exciting news for the winner, who would represent Abaco in the National Sculling Competition at the Grand Bahama Regatta on an all-expense paid trip courtesy of Bahamian Brewery and compete against winners from other islands.

Besides the Junior sailors, all competitors received a case of Sands beer, while the first-place winners collected 10 cases

of Sands beer and a trophy. Second-place winner were awarded eight cases of beer and a trophy, while third place holders walked away with six cases and a trophy.

The Sands Man in the Boat Sculling Championships began in 2012. Sheldon Gibson, a teacher at CV Bethel, was commissioned to build four 10-foot dinghy boats named after the Bahamian Brewery products – Sands, Sands Light, High Rock and Strong Back. The dinghies are used for the championships, and also sail in the E-Class competition at the regattas and homecomings.

In the Junior Sailing Triple Race category, Thomas Treco, the skipper for



Pictured are the winners of the Abaco Sculling Race along with James “Jimmy” Sands. (L-R) 3rd place winner Wellington McIntosh, 2nd place winner Willis Levarity and 1st place winner Finley Cox. Cox will travel to Grand Bahama later in the year to participate in The Bahamas Sculling Championship against the various winners from the other islands. (Photo courtesy of Keen i Media for Barefoot Marketing)



The Junior Sailing Race was the first event on the day, and many young Bahamians participated. Pictured are Mallory Sands of Bahamian Brewery and Beverage who presented the awards, and the winners of the Junior Sailing Race. From left to right winners are Bessie, who came in second place, Thomas who came in first place, and third place winners Jeremy and Melissa. (Photo courtesy of Keen i Media for Barefoot Marketing)

Vasyli Donzzy out of Nassau, placed first. Bessie from Hope Town placed second on the Sands Beer dinghy, while Jeremy and Melissa came third on Strong Back. The second and third-place winners represented Hope Town.

In the E-Class sailing, race winners were Stafford Patterson of Abaco in first aboard Vasyli Q; second place to Keith Brown of Nassau on Lucayan Tropical dinghy, and Steven Rolle also from Nassau in third place on Vasyli Donzzy. Finally, in the Sands Man in the Boat Sculling Race, Finley Cox secured first place in the Sands Boat. Cox earned his 10 cases of beer along with a trophy, and will travel

to Grand Bahama later this summer for nationals. Willis Lavarity claimed second, while Wellington was awarded third place.

Trophies were presented to them by Mallory Sands of Bahamian Brewery.

At the end of the successful event, Gary Sands stated: “We had a wonderful time interacting with the locals; we truly enjoyed the day. It was good to see Abaconians from throughout Abaco enjoying the day, and indeed enjoying a great Bahamian event.”

He extended special thanks to the North Abaco District including local law enforcement officers.



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 Tilloo Cay #14845 #47 #48 #49 11,000 s.f. lot 100' to beach. \$99K ech.
 Tilloo #15264 Lot 19 wtrfrnt. elec avail. 13,050 s.f. lot. \$169K

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 Govt. Sub 2 - #18081/#18079 10,125 sq.ft. Lot 92 & 93 \$54K Each
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 REDUCED Sunrise Bay #18068 Lot 12 13,226 s.f. lot. \$199K

SOUTH ABACO
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 Rolling Hbr #14085 5.65 acres, 330' beach next to Delpi Resort \$795K
 Gilpin Point #13468 10 acres 435' beachfront 5 mi south Schooner \$275K
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 Long Beach #15957 Lot 315 Vacant Corner Lot \$45K.
 Long Beach #17702 Lot 396 Hilltop 10,800+/- sq. ft. 320' from bch \$95K
 Old Kerr #15361 Lot 5B 14 acres 209' bchfront, 45'+/- elevations. \$248,500

NORTH ABACO
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 Treasure Cay #13227 Lot 9 Block 190 Interior Lot, canal views. \$59K
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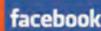









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School & Youth News

Reigning Miss Abaco to compete in China, preparations for pageant underway



Patricia Curry, the reigning Miss Abaco, who will be competing at the Miss Tourism Queen International Pageant in China later this year. Photo courtesy of Miss Abaco Beauty Pageant.

By Canishka Alexander

TJay Stubbs, director of the Miss Abaco Beauty Pageant, is looking to up the ante for this year's pageant.

The Miss Tourism Queen International Pageant will give him and the pageant committee the chance to do just that as they prepare the reigning 2012 Miss Abaco Patricia Curry for the largest tourism-based competition in the world.

"It does more than just the beauty side; it allows you to promote your country to the 89 other girls there, and carry a

gift that is only found in your country," Stubbs enthused. "Last year, the pageant was seen by the largest audience because 10,000 people see it every year in person. That doesn't include who is watching it on television, or who sees it streaming live on the Internet.

"It's small on this side of the world, but on that side it is a huge deal."

A Bahamas to Beijing, China Cook-Out will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, to assist them with Miss Abaco's month-long journey to China. Stubbs realized that the pageant is also a springboard for The Bahamas into the Asian market seeing that our country has been doing business with China lately.

Miss Abaco leaves for China on Sept. 5, and will spend a month there in preparation for the international pageant. During the week of the pageant, Stubbs will travel there to be with her.

"We're flying to China to actually bring that crown," he envisioned.

Overall, Stubbs said that the committee is venturing into something bigger. They plan to offer four pageants: Little Miss Abaco, Miss Abaco Junior, Miss Abaco Teen and Miss Abaco.

This year, the Miss Abaco Pageant is open to contestants all over The Bahamas. This means that the young lady who wins will be crowned Miss Bahamas Tourism and featured in the Miss Tourism Queen International Pageant in China the following year. Meanwhile, the first runner up of the Miss Abaco Pageant will become Miss Abaco.

"This year the excitement is going to be a little bit crazy because this year we are doing a whole lot more different things.

This year we are working on launching our official Web site, we're about to partner with a huge company that's going to do some major PR, then there's going to be a lot of life-size posters around the island. Who knows what will happen next?" he hinted.

One thing the community can look forward to is seeing lots of angels around because it is the theme of the 2013 pageant. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, and the pageant is slated for December, so contestants or those who think someone they know will be a good candidate, can send pictures to Instagram or e-mail them to missabaco@gmail.com.

"We have gotten hits from a lot of potential candidates," Stubbs revealed. "The reason we do applications so early is because we do an extensive 10-week training, so by the time the pageant comes they know how to walk in heels, pose, smile and do an interview."

Because there are four pageants, the committee is trying to cap the number of contestants off at seven per category. However, the pageant is still open to all contestants.

"We are not going to say that the first seven girls who bring in applications are automatically in. We screen every contestant, find out who they are and what they are about," he said. "Miss Abaco is about girls who are well rounded, who have beauty and brains, and who are community oriented."

To assist them in their endeavours, Stubbs said that they partner with a cross section of people.

They partnered with Novia McKenzie, a hairstylist, the first year and have stuck with her, and used Candra Symonette, owner of Candy Face Cosmetics, as last year's make-up artist. Nevertheless, a new stylist will be added because of the number of contestants to ensure that events start on time, and there will be a make-up artist challenge.

"The one who wants to be the official make-up artist will compete. They usually do a face for the team, and we pick the one we like, but this year the fans will choose," Stubbs elaborated. "We are going to have each one do Miss Abaco's face, then we will post the pics and fans will vote and decide on the two make-up artists."

Social Media is something that everyone is using, he said, so they want to also incorporate Blackberry and WhatsApp messaging.

"We can do a simple post to Twitter, a simple post to Instagram, and it covers over a thousand people that we would not have actually gotten the chance to see or have actually gotten the chance to interact with," Stubbs said. "We are trying

to up the PR because that was one of our downfalls over the years, and we are trying to keep the newspaper and the television channels involved."

Stubbs invited the community to review their impressive pageant record. He mentioned Kristi Evans, a former Miss Abaco queen who has been featured in many events; Nevandria Rolle, who is the face of the iCandy Makeup Brand; Erica Pinder and Ramonica Hamilton, who both appeared in "The Bay" magazine; Lashawn Bevans, who continues to make her modeling mark in the industry; and Aisha Jones, who went on to win the Miss Teen Galaxy pageant after extensive training with them.

"We try to make our girls more well-rounded girls. So at the end of the day whether you win the pageant or not, you feel like you got something from the pageant that you can use," Stubbs said. "If you were to look at a lot of our former contestants, you can look at them and see the from-then-to-now transformation. A lot came to us and didn't know about make-up, didn't know about beauty, and didn't know about styling tips, so now they are all wearing make-up, they are all wearing high heels, they are constantly on the look-out, and saying, 'Ok, I'm being judged.'"

Beyond beauty, though, is the pageant's director's mandate to do charity work. Last year, Miss Abaco contestants worked along with the Furniture Plus' Charity of Hope Foundation. He was pleased that Garnell Limperes-Dawkins was able to receive funds as a result of their efforts. Miss Abaco also partnered with the Abaco Pilot Club to clean the home of an elderly person in Sandy Point.

"We try to do more than just the pretty girl stuff; we try to let them know that there are persons out there who need our help," he said. "This year, we are going to work with a whole lot more charities - the Abaco Cancer Society and the Bahamas Red Cross' HIV section, so we need the community to support the charity end of what Miss Abaco does."

Last year, the committee's goal was to give \$2,000 to a charity. The goal this year is to give \$10,000 to two separate charities, so they will have to raise \$20,000 in total. He is also looking for persons to volunteer their time.

"We do a lot of stuff in the community for charity, but we don't try to make everything so public because it's not about us getting the praise. At the end of the day, we know that we are filling the mandate that me as the president set in place for the pageant, and that is to be more than a pageant...to be more of a charity side with beauty. So that's what we're trying to accomplish."



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School & Youth News

Maritime industry offers many exciting opportunities for students

By Canishka Alexander

Before the Maritime Summer Camp took place from June 24 to July 12, an orientation session was held on June 22 at Abaco Youth Ministries for students in Grades 8 and 9 who were interested in careers that exist in the maritime industry.

The camp was jointly sponsored by Campbell Shipping Company and The College of The Bahamas. As a result, Dr. Brendamae Cleare, president of the Lowell J. Mortimer Maritime Academy, and past vice president of Academic Affairs at The College of The Bahamas, and Jamal Smith, assistant manager of manning at Campbell Shipping Company Ltd., gave brief remarks concerning the industry and what students could expect during the maritime camp.

The students were also shown a video presentation that detailed the opportunities to travel abroad, how to get involved in the maritime industry through the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps (BMCC) or Maritime Summer Camp and a listing of career choices and training opportunities that are available in this lucrative industry.

Throughout the three-week maritime camp at Central Abaco Primary School, students were given lessons on geography, mathematics, report writing, CPR and navigation by local teachers, m instructors and volunteers namely Magdalene Mills, Sandy Edwards, Janet Wedgewood, Able Seaman Cranston Taylor, John Pintard, Yasmine Glinton, and Brianne Sawyer. They were soon rewarded for their hard work and commitment on July 12 during a graduation ceremony at the Dundas Town Church of God.

Approximately 32 graduates successfully completed and graduated from the Maritime Summer Camp for 2013.

Graduates were: Chelshanno Adderley, Nakiel Adderley, Yorline Augustine, Priscilla Bain, Lorenz Carter, Austin Collier, Nic-Connor Alexander, Sancha Dimanche, Alicia Dormeus, Sandy Francois, Tanesha Gelin, Jeffery Jean, Allaire Johnson, Christonya Johnson, Kettia Knowles, Laskia Lightbourne, Lashae Miller, Giovanni Morris, Aaliyah Nesbitt, Rashon Neymour, John Pierre, Didline Rene, Giovanni Rolle, Drayton Russell, Widerson Saintilien, Richa Simmons, Christano Swain, Jarmecia Swain, Keneisha Tanelus, Julius Thompson, Austinique Williams,



Maritime Summer Camp 2013 graduates pose in front of the Dundas Town Church of God after their graduation ceremony on July 12.

and Leann Woodside.

While at maritime camp, students were separated into two cohorts: Cohort A and Cohort B. Before receiving their graduation certificates, students performed a reenactment of the fatal day when four Defence Force Officers perished aboard the HMBS Flamingo vessel. The sailors were attacked by Cuban MiG fighters on May 10, 1980 while on routine patrol.

Captain Glender Knowles, the BMCC's Abaco coordinator, encouraged the students to take advantage of and embrace the opportunities before them, while admonishing parents to demonstrate their commitment by being involved.

"I'm thankful, and I've been blessed to have been given this opportunity to coordinate such an excellent program with such excellent participants," she expressed. "God bless The Bahamas, and God bless our seafarers."

Jamal Smith introduced Chandler Sands, managing director of Campbell Shipping, as the guest speaker for the occasion, describing him as a motivator, visionary and a believer in national development.

Sands recalled his visits to Abaco as a young boy, when he heard a song about God vacationing on the islands. This led him to identify the Bahamian people as special, talented and God-fearing. Equipped with those three attributes, Sands assured everyone that there is nothing that they could not accomplish.

After introducing the vision of Campbell Shipping via PowerPoint presentation, Sands emphasized the need for at least 4,000 Bahamian seafarers to be employed on the high seas by 2053.

"We want Abaco to be a part of this, so parents this is where we need you to pay

attention," he said. "What is the plan for Abaco over the next 40 years, and what is happening in Abaco today to prevent the mass exodus of young talent to New Providence, Grand Bahama and Miami, Florida?"

"I was doing a little research, and the research told me that Abaco is the land of boat builders. Well, I would like to see over the next 40 years that Abaco migrates from being boat builders into being master mariners."

He added that the maritime world offered by Campbell Shipping is ideal for the Abaco community because it provides the opportunity for young people to seek a career in maritime, but live home. The company will target 800 families, which equates to \$40 million being infused into the economy. Using 10 settlements as an example, this would mean 80 families would benefit directly.

"First of all, for this group who are eighth and ninth graders, we're talking about the year 2013-2016, you have to stay in high school [and] you have to do a good job in high school," Sands advised.

"It means in particular that you'll have to place an effort on those BGCSEs."

He informed them that The College of The Bahamas or the State University of New York (SUNY) requires five BGCSEs with C or above passes. Coming on stream is the Lowell J. Mortimer Maritime Institute, which will open its doors in Nassau in September 2014.

"We'll take you if you have three good passes, but the passes must be in Math, must be English, and must be Science. Now a pass usually means C or better, so we're asking you particularly, parents, if this is a viable opportunity for you, to ensure over the next three years that they concentrate on Math, English and a Science."

By 2017, he was hopeful that 10 candidates from Abaco would come to Nassau to attend the LJM Maritime Academy's one-year program. Tuition costs are \$25,000 a year. Because scholarships can sometimes be hard to come by, Campbell Shipping decided to make a significant contribution for young Bahamians by investing \$30 million to bring that training home. Therefore, the plan is to sensitize students interested in maritime studies from Grade 10 to pass the required three subjects, and to raise \$2,000 during that time.

"If they make the required grades (three BGCSEs), and they get accepted into Lowell J. Mortimer Maritime Academy, parents will only be asked to contribute \$2,000 toward a \$25,000-education," Sands affirmed. "We have built this school in such a way that \$10,000 will be a work award; we're going to give them a \$4,500 loan that they will pay back when we send them out to sea; the government has promised us \$1,500 in a grant; and we're putting together an endowment fund that will pay the rest."

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School & Youth News

Nova Southeastern University held final information meeting

By Samantha Evans

Nova Southeastern University has been in The Bahamas for over 20 years and now they are looking to make their presence felt on the island of Abaco, with the introduction of the Bachelor's Degree Program in Business Administration. On Tuesday, July 16, 2013, Juliet Reid, the Regional Director and Monica Moya Admission's Manager for the Bahamas, was on Abaco for their final information meeting before the start of the October term.

They had an eventful day which was planned and organized by local coordinator Samantha V. Evans. They were on the radio to once again apprise the Abaco community of their plans and to update them on what had transpired since they were last here in February. They were able to accept half of the students needed for enrollment and are currently finalizing admissions for the remainder of the students needed to start the program.

After they left, they spent two hours at the Government Complex where they set up an information table to inform the professionals employed there and those visiting the complex of Nova's proposed program. That evening, they held an information meeting at Abaco Central High School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. where they spoke with prospective students and gave the Nova presentation to new potential students.

The response for both was great, re-

sulting in the collection of numerous new application forms and outstanding documents for those persons who started the admissions process earlier. The admissions process was concluded during the month of July.

Vacation Bible School held in North Abaco

By Vernique Russell

Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Churches came to life once again, and brought lots of fun with it. This year, the group was on the island July 21 to 26. VBS sessions were held throughout the north at the local Baptist churches.

The visiting group was split up and worked in the settlements of Treasure Cay, Fire Road, Wood Cay, Cedar Harbor and Fox Town. All sessions were filled with eager little people who happily received the conveyed information and participated in all activities.

Sessions began daily at 9:00 a.m. and ended at noon. Daily enrolled students were able to complete craft projects, dramatization, and music and enjoy bible teaching time. Lunch and snacks were also provided by the visiting ministries.

The ministry looks forward to the summer when they can follow the commission of the Lord and spread the good news of the gospel to youngsters. They wish to thank everyone for their support and trusting their kids into their care. They hope that as they continue to work for the Master, you will continue to support them. Next year VBS will be held on July 18 to 22 at the same venues.

Angels Academy assisted by Mission teams



Angels Academy, located along Front Street, Marsh Harbour, benefitted from the helping hands of two Mission teams this summer. The teams, both coming from Valdosta, Georgia's First United Methodist Church, assisted around the school grounds cleaning, making repairs and building the students a new playground set. School owner, Shelley Roark, expressed her gratitude and hopes the students will enjoy the improvements this coming school year.

Above: the first group was high school youth from Valdosta FUMC. They were led by Justin and Alison Crenshaw on June 16 -21. Their group cleaned school, transformed a storage building into a classroom, painted shelving and assembled a preschool swing set. Below: The second group was made up of young adults. The group was led by Ellen Warren, also from Valdosta FUMC, on July 5 - 12. They built playground equipment and planted gardens for the school.



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SPORTS

Junior golf program continues its 5th year at The Abaco Club

By Canishka Alexander

Seventeen children between the ages of seven to 15 years old participated in the Annual Community Footprints Junior Golf Program at the Abaco Club on Winding Bay from July 22-26.

The brainchild of Golf Pro Marley Hield, the program has been offered to the youth of Abaco for five years now in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

While Hield demonstrated the proper techniques for playing the aptly named "gentleman's and lady's sport," Mark Aitken, director of facilities, and Eugene Martin, general manager, observed that the program is something that Hield is really focused on.

"It's something he looks forward to doing every year - it's his passion - and he knows the importance of the young ones on this island learning about the basics of golf," Aitken shared. "The ones who have been here over the last few years, he will advance, and he will teach the other ones the basics."

"The hope is that eventually a lot of these young ones will take up golf full time, they'll enjoy it, and you know, some may even become the top golfers in The Bahamas."

Throughout the week, the children were taught how to hold the golf club, and how to putt and drive the ball along the golf course as an introduction to golf etiquette.

A golfer himself, Aitken said that beyond learning how to play the sport, the participants learn how to better conduct themselves and are taught discipline.

"Golf teaches you that you have to respect your opponent, you have to be honest," he readily agreed. "So it is definitely one of those sports that teaches you discipline and respect."

Martin, who became general manager in January, called Abaco a beautiful place, and "the jewel of the Caribbean." Unlike Aitken, he said he plays golf occasionally and enjoys the game, but is happy that he has a job to fall back on.

"The PGA tour has nothing to worry about," Martin quipped.

Nevertheless, both he and Aitken were pleased that the Abaco Club is able to give back to the community through the junior golf program.

"Our company's culture is always to help and enhance the community. We call it our Spirit to Serve program, and throughout the world many of our vacation clubs do things from painting schools to feeding the homeless to activities like this," Martin elaborated. "So, it's very important. The leadership at the corporate office wants to know every year what we are doing, and really if our plan is not good enough, they say we need to do more."

He added that working with the children who attend the golf program is something they embrace and that comes from the heart.

On July 26, the skills competition was held to test the children on what they had learned throughout the week. All participants received certificates, while the top four winners received trophies as well. Martin thanked everyone for their attendance, and was in full support of the program when Hield approached him. He looked forward to possibly offering an additional week in the future, or perhaps offering it at a different time.

In the Group A Category, Ivan Curry Jr. placed first with 16 points; Nic-Connor Alexander came second with 14 points; and Demeko Thompson got third after scoring 13 points. Robert Russell Jr. was also recognized as a fourth place finalist earning 12 points. In Group B: Tyrell Albury placed first with 16 points; Adrian Davis, placed second, with 9 points; Deandra Beneby settled into third place with 8 points; and Deondrea Wilkinson secured the final position with 7 points.

"I always look forward to doing this every year, and the participation and the enthusiasm from the students and the parents," Hield said. "That's the greatest thing for me."

Ishmael "Stretch" Morley also commended parents on their attendance, and said that the Ministry of Youth will continue to support programs such as this in the community.

Abaco Church Sports Association holds Independence Basketball Tournament



Above: all of the participants along with their coaches and the government officials who were involved in the organization of the Independence Basketball Tournament.

By Mirella Santillo

A large crowd gathered at the Zion Baptist Cathedral in Murphy Town for the Independence Basketball Tournament which took place during the evenings of July 5-6.

The participating athletes belonged to four churches, and ranged from under 15 years of age to adults.

Victory Tabernacle dominated the Friday night games. Its team played against the Grace Baptist Church boys in the under 19 category. The game went to the Victory Tabernacle team with a 19-13 score.

In the under 15 category, Victory Tabernacle won again, beating the Change Ministries' team 20-11. In the men's open, the Grace Baptist Church men were defeated by the Church of God of Prophecy.

The championship games took place on Saturday under the patronage of Administrator Preston Cunningham, starting late because of a rain shower. However, the rain subsided and three games took place, confirming the superiority of the Victory Tabernacle's team, which won against Change Ministries 37-31 in the under 19 category and again in the under 15, 20-10.

The men's open was disputed between Change Ministries and Church of God of Prophecy. It was a very close, exciting game which brought the victory of Change Ministries in extremis with a 41-39 score, after a few equalizing baskets by both teams.

Mr. Ishmael "Stretch" Morley and Mr. Gilbert Davis were the referees for the championship games. Coaches for the various teams were Mr. Cubel Davis, Mr. Randy Davis, Mr. Shawn Robins and player Yemens Pierre who acted as coach for the Church of God of Prophecy's team in the last game.

An awards ceremony was held on

July 26 to present the trophies to the participants at the Office of the Prime Minister. MP for North Abaco Renardo Curry was in attendance, and encouraged the young men to remain involved in sports, but to also maintain good academics. Senior Island Administrator Preston Cunningham and Mr. Everette Strachan, president of the Church Basketball League, were also invited to make remarks.

Local Youth awarded basketball scholarship at Young Harris College, in Georgia.

By Mirella Santillo

In front of members of his family and coaches, in one of the classrooms of his former school, Abaco Central High School, Kevin Altidor signed the contract that will allow him to attend Young Harris College on a basketball scholarship.

Kevin Altidor is a motivated young man who left Abaco in 2008 to attend CC Sweeting in Nassau for his last year of high school. He graduated in 2009.

Because of incidents that happened in his neighborhood of Pigeon Peas, Kevin, a gifted basketball player, thought he could further his education through that sport and get out of the negative surroundings.

"Every day in the gym, I thought about it [the incident], about wanting to make a person out of myself. It drove me to try to make it. I was willing to go the extra mile, even try for the MBA."

A year after graduating from high school, he was admitted to Roane Community College in Tennessee. He graduated three years later with a degree in Exercise

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Triple-header softball games add flavour to July schedule

By Canishka Alexander

Softball games continued at the Murphy Town Ball Field on July 19-20. In the first game, the Abaco Groceries Diamond Dollz faced Team L.A. Although it was a close call, the Diamond Dollz beat Team L.A. - 4 to 2. In the second game, the T.C. Jets beat Hope Town Wreckers: 12 to 3.

Scores from July 21 triple header saw Team L.A. handing down a devastating blow to the Terez Gas Angels - beating them 20 to 4. It was DNR versus Simple Solutions in the following game, and DNR beat the North Abaco team - 5 to 2. In the final game, Creter's Bulldogs beat the Hope Town Wreckers - 7 to 2.

On July 26, there were tremendous losses for Simple Solutions and DNR Sluggers. In their game against the Hope Town Wreckers, Simple Solutions scored seven runs while the Wreckers accumulated 17 runs. DNR scored no runs at all leaving the Bulldogs to hog 15 runs for their team.

Despite a triple header being scheduled for July 27, only one game was played because of two funerals that were held in



Above: Wreckers Pitcher Adrian "Biff" Hanchell pitches to a Simple Solutions player on July 26. The Wreckers beat Simple Solutions: 17 to 7.

North Abaco. Condolences were extended to TC Jets player Todd Thompson on the passing of his father.

Even though Simple Solutions and DNR played the only game of the night, it would prove to be the longest game of the season so far. The first pitch was given by DNR Pitcher Crayford Hannah shortly before 9:30 p.m., and the game ended well after midnight. This allowed DNR to close in the gap created by Simple Solutions, but

they did not gain enough runs to surpass their opponents. The scores were close, but it was Simple Solutions who won the game - 25 to 23.

The schedule for the next two weeks is as follows: On Aug. 2: Simple Solutions vs. DNR Sluggers at 7:30 p.m.; and the Hope Town Wreckers vs. TC Jets at 9 p.m. On Aug. 3, it's the A.G. Diamond Dollz vs. Terez Gas Angels at 7:30 p.m.; and DNR Sluggers vs. Creter's Bulldogs

at 9 p.m. The following weekend, on Aug. 9, DNR Sluggers and the Hope Town Wreckers deliver the first game at 7:30 p.m., while TC Jets and Simple Solutions close out at 9 p.m. Aug. 10 features Team L.A. vs. Abaco Groceries Diamond Dollz at 7:30 p.m., and the Simple Solutions vs. Creter's Bulldogs at 9 p.m.

All games are currently played at the Murphy Town Ball Field next to Abaco Central High School.

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Sciences.

Kevin's goal is to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in English and History at Young Harris.

The influence of his coach, Vogel Williams, was not limited to sports. Mr. Altidor recalls a quote from his PE teacher, "to thy own self, be true," which is advice he would like to communicate, "to all the kids out there who want to make it."

As he leaves Abaco one more time with his future on his mind, he is motivated by his drive to become a successful example.

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Artist Highlight

Artist Shirley Higgs rediscovers her passion



Above: Shirley Higgs working on a painting of a clownfish.

By Jennifer Hudson

The artistic talent of Shirley Higgs was first displayed about three years ago in a community art and craft show sponsored by the Marsh Harbour Gospel Chapel in the Grace Gym. This was the first time Mrs. Higgs had shown her artwork, and this very modest and unassuming lady was very nervous.

However, she had no need to feel any nervousness because her work showed a lot of talent. The eye was immediately drawn to the beautiful horticultural paintings she had on display. It's amazing that she had no training apart from art lessons in school many years ago and that she had only recently taken up a paintbrush again.

While attending Queens College in Nassau in her youth, Mrs. Higgs said that she always enjoyed art lessons and received good marks, but upon leaving school never followed this any further. However, one day a very talented artist friend who lives

close by invited Mrs. Higgs to join her in painting designs on T-shirts. This reignited Mrs. Higgs' artistic spark.

During a visit to her nephew's shop in Hope Town a short time later, while admiring all the artwork, Mrs. Higgs became even more enthused. As luck would have it, there was a beginner's acrylic kit in the shop for sale along with some canvases which she bought, took home and thus began painting again.

She first began with flowers from her garden, which is most fitting for her as she is a well-known horticulturalist both in Nassau and on Abaco.

"In the summer I was not able to work in my garden due to the heat, so what better thing to do than to paint the flowers from my garden?" she said. Her first painting was of a lily and this was followed by colourful orchids, bromeliads and day-lilies. At school, the only medium she had worked in apart from pencil shading was watercolours but now she works with acrylic since she feels that this is an easier medium to manage and is more forgiving than watercolour. After a while she moved away from flowers and turned her attention to birds, particularly the parrot of which she is especially fond.

Fish, seahorses and mermaids are Mrs. Higgs latest favoured subjects. She has just completed a large, colourful painting of a lionfish as a commission and is presently working on a clownfish. In addition to her paintings on canvas, Mrs. Higgs uses her paints in many other creative ways.



Above: Some of Mrs. Higgs' favourite pieces.

She produces a very attractive line of small paper gift bags using varied designs such as seahorses, mermaids, hibiscus and the very popular curly tail lizard and these designs she also uses to embellish Christmas ornaments. In addition to being a great lover of flowers, Mrs. Higgs is also a great enthusiast for sea shells of which she has a vast and amazing collection. She enjoys using these shells to create striking craft pieces.

Throughout the years, when Mrs. Higgs was not utilizing her painting skills she was always very creative and made very good use of her various crafting skills such as embroidery, quilting and sewing her own and her daughter's dresses.

Nowadays, she is enjoying her new hobby of painting and looks forward to

painting early in the morning when the sun shines from the beautiful harbour into her makeshift studio in her living room. "I wish I could do it every morning," says this busy lady, who is always involved in some kind of community work, such as hosting Horticultural Society meetings or raising funds for repairs to the Epworth Methodist Chapel at Cherokee.

"I would also like to have a proper studio where I could leave my art supplies out all the time and not have to put them away every time somebody comes to dinner," she quipped.

Mrs. Higgs' art and craft work can be viewed and purchased from Monkey's Uncle in Marsh Harbour and Ebb Tide in Hope Town.



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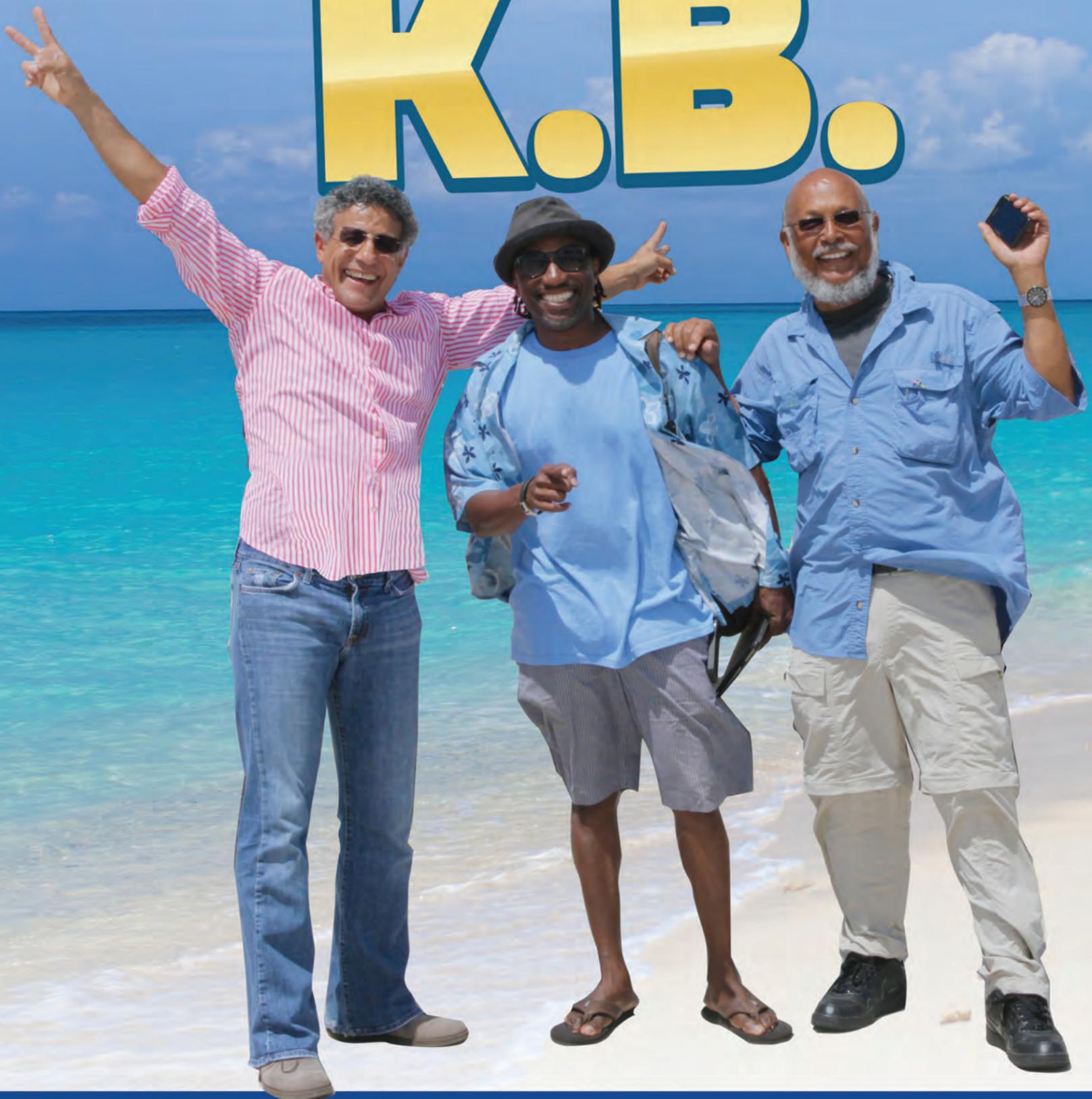
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Acclaimed Bahamian Artist, KB, joins Save The Bays Team!

Kirkland 'KB' Bodie, the Bahamas' best-selling recording artist whose songs like 'Bush Mechanic' and 'Civil Servants,' have captured Bahamian culture, has become a member of Save The Bays, lending his powerful voice to the fast-growing environmental movement.

Save The Bays' director, Fred Smith, QC, expressed the organization's excitement with KB coming on board.

"KB's appeal and his dedication to environmental causes mirrors ours and we are delighted that this Bahamian cultural icon is willing to lend his melodious voice, energy and talent to supporting Save The Bays in our mission to preserve the beautiful waters of this nation," said Smith.

KB says joining was a natural for him.

"As a little boy growing up in Jones Town, Eight Mile Rock, I may have learned about the flora and fauna of the area, but I had no clue about the many threats to our precious marine resources. In partnering with the Save The Bays, I have learned so much about the horrible activities affecting our beaches and seas that there was no way I could not get on board with this much-needed cause. Once you're protecting our beautiful natural environment and providing a better Bahamas for generations to come, I'm on board. I think it is so important for entertainers and local celebrities to lend their time and resources to these kinds of causes because cultural icons usually have such a great ability to reach otherwise untouched audiences and really grab their attention."



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Remembering Family and Friends



S i l - bert Bennett Sawyer, age 74, was born in Cherokee Sound, Abaco to Dennis & Mildred Sawyer on December 29, 1938. He passed away July 13, 2013 after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife Esther, four sons, Perry, Faron, Jay and Claude. One Daughter, Dawn. One adopted daughter Ellen Curry. Four Daughters-in-law, Lisa, Claudia, Jan-



Funeral Service for the Late **Alice McBride**, age 70 years, of Moore's

Island, Abaco was held on Saturday, July 6, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Central Zion Baptist Church, Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock. Officiating was Pastor Anthony Williams, assisted by Pastor Branford E. Dean and Evangelist Alvin Laing. Interment followed in the Harbour West Cemetery.

Left to Cherish her memories are her three sons: Redwin Barnett Sr., Kevin Delancy Sr. Roger Russell Sr.; one adopted son: Percy McBride; three daughters: Verline Dean, Audra Davis-Forbes, Kayla Forbes-Johnson; three sons-in-law: Pastor Branford E. Dean, Jerrod Forbes, Ancil Johnson; daughters-in-law: Ulean Barnett, Christa Russell, Lindel Delancy; 21 grandchildren and their spouses: Shanell (Samuel English), Veronique Davis, Anthemica (Ezra) McBride, Kevin Delancy Jr. and Labron Delancy, Deanka Lightbourne, Dominique, Shanice (Christopher) Delancy, Rhazazia, Roger Jr., Rhoajji and Rhazaa Russell, Destiny, Jada and Jaden Forbes, Redwin Jr., Alyssa Barnett, Walrick Cooper, Anissa Davis, Ran-

dia Hield and Rhianna Spicer; 15 great grandchildren including: Breanna and Ezra McBride Jr., Synara Gibson, Deanna and Alexis, Sherica and Samiyah English, Lawrence, Jayla and Jaya Delancy, Tametrie and Latiesha Rahming and Serenity Albury; two brothers: Ritchie and Kingsley McBride; a host of other relatives and friends.



A Memorial Service for **George Vandham Johnson** age 69 affectionately called

"Geo" of Dundas Town Abaco, who died at his residence June 3rd was at Alan Smith's Estate Leisure Lee Abaco Bahamas. Pastor Elliott Etienne will officiate. Predeceased by: His Father: Lionel Johnson, Sister: Judith Johnson.

Precious memories are held by: His wife: Minnie Johnson, Mother: Gertrude Johnson, Sons: Lionel Johnson II, Johnathan Johnson, Prince Johnson, George Johnson Jr., and Kevin Johnson. Daughter: Myrtyln Johnson-Knowles. Sisters: Ollie Mae Johnson, Brenda Johnson Banks of Canada, Gloria Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Reserve Corporal 861 Sheran Johnson of The Royal Bahamas Police Force Abaco and Andrea Johnson Adderley. Grandchildren: Marilyn Wilmore, Lionel Johnson II, Tashana Johnson, Genesse Johnson, Reuben Storr Jr., Alonzo and Lanze Knowles, Sierra Johnson and Deontae Johnson, Daughter-in-law: Julie Johnson, Son-in-law: Lorenzo Knowles, Sister-in-law: Eloise Russell, Brother-in-law: Marbry Wilmore and many other family and friends.

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With a smile and so much love
By the many lives that you so touched
Wonder if you knew how much.

I wonder if your soul is flying high
Somewhere in that bright blue sky
Looking down on all of us
For a special reason or just because.

Many things still remind us though
You cannot come back after you go
But God still gives us faith and hope
Strength and courage to help us cope.

I did not know what words to say
About your death one year ago today
Just that I miss you still my dear friend
I miss you now like I missed you then.

Like memories sewn together
Your soul is part of life forever
Memories of all your family and friends
Death cannot take for love never ends.

I hope you are happy wherever you are now
I hope these words can reach you somehow.
One year ago God came and took you away
But in our hearts you still forever stay.

One year ago today,
You left us with broken hearts
One year ago today,
You took our smiles apart
One year ago today,
Our tears fell so true
One year ago today,
And we're still thinking about you.....

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Peter George Sweeting



Peter George Sweeting, partner in Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour died on Sunday evening, June 30, in Palm Beach Gardens, FL following a short illness. He was 69.

A Nassau native, Mr. Sweeting attended Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia and The University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He joined the family business, G.R. Sweeting & Son, Ltd. which had begun on Bay Street by his grandparents as purveyors of fine linens and dry goods and expanded to become a department store in Palmdale.

A lifelong yachtsman and fisherman, Mr. Sweeting and partners acquired the Abaco Beach Resort in the 1980's, enlarging the marina from 28 to 200 slips, dredging and creating the club property with a boat slip for each lot, and acquiring the hotel adjacent to the marina. Most recently The Residences, a 9-unit condo building was built on the property.

Mr. Sweeting is survived by his wife Sally, sons Andrew Charles Sweeting, Peter George Blaine Sweeting and his wife Carol, his daughter Suzanne Mazzarella and her husband Frank, three grandchildren, Elizabeth and Dylan Sweeting and Sterling Mazzarella, sisters Holly O'Dell and her husband Brian and Aletta Hanson and her husband Scott, cousins Richard Farrington and his wife Jen, Charles Farrington and his wife Sara, Wendie Bishop and her husband Keith, Gail O'Connor, Michael O'Connor and his wife Tara, Kathy O'Connor, Edward O'Connor and his wife Barb, nephews Raymond Rogers, Christian and Jeremy Stokes, Charles and Robert Haas, brother-in-law Andrew Haas and his wife Carol, sister-in-law Ann Haas and many special friends.

A memorial service will be held at 5pm on August 16 at Abaco Beach Resort in the Marquee.

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July 15 Crossword Answers

Across

- 4. HURRICANES—These blustery, uninvited guests often drop in starting in August
- 7. POTCAKE—Bahamian mutt.
- 9. CRUDE—Can refer to oil or someone's demeanor.
- 12. BANANA—Yellow fruit
- 16. ALIAS—A false identity
- 17. BAREFOOT—Sans-shoes.
- 18. PARALLEL—Right alongside.
- 19. MARVEL—DC Comics main publishing rival.

Down

- 1. CARAPACE—A crab's shell.
- 2. FIDDLE—Cay where Stranded Naked is held annually.
- 3. BASE—Unless it's neutral it's either an acid or a _____
- 5. SOLAR—These flares disrupt communications on earth.
- 6. DECADE—Ten years.
- 8. LUBBERS—Cay across from Elbow, famous for Yahoos.
- 10. OASIS—Can be unexpectedly found in deserts.
- 11. MIRAGE—Something disappointing found in deserts.
- 13. AQUAMARINE—Black, gold and _____.
- 14. UNICYCLE—Like a bicycle, but missing a wheel.
- 15. REGATTA—This race has been held for 38 years in Abaco.

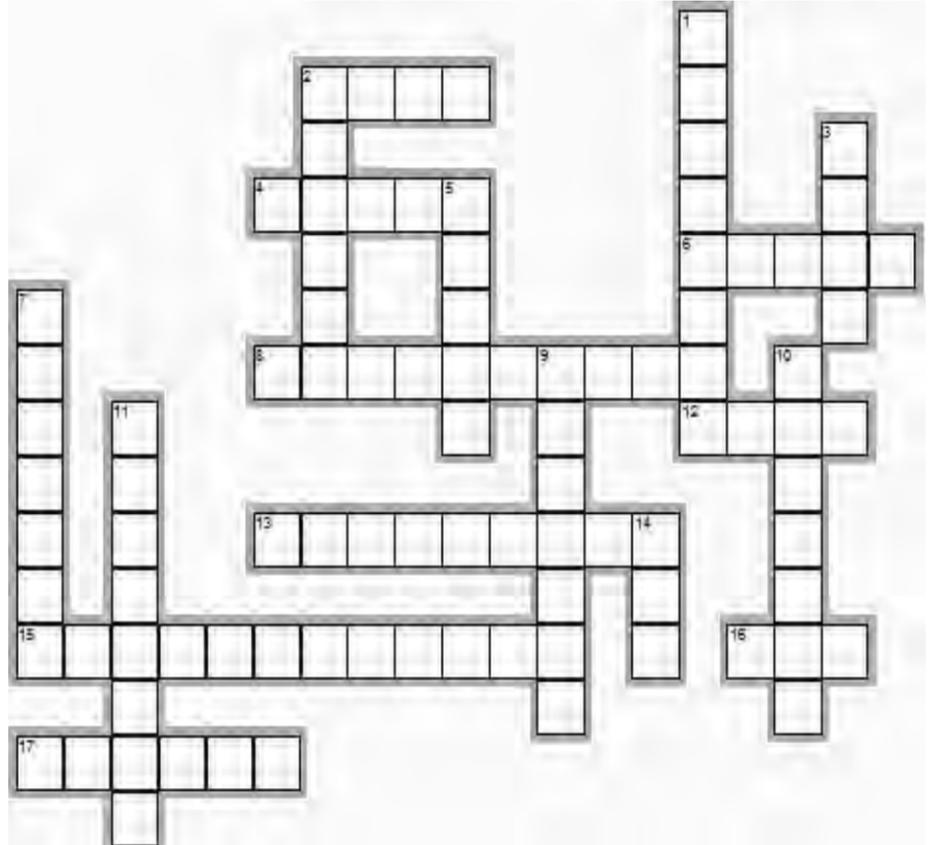
August 1 Clues

Across

- 2. Sport played with clubs
- 4. To harvest or hunt illegally
- 6. A dead language
- 8. More than a disturbance but not quite a storm
- 12. Element Au
- 13. Hypothetical 7th Hurricane of 2013
- 15. Common to bats and dolphins
- 16. Bahamian NBA player
- 17. A renter

Down

- 1. Propelling a boat using one oar
- 2. Newest "Royal"
- 3. A crawfish's defense
- 5. Snack for bees
- 7. To get ready for
- 9. Sport The Bahamas first won Olympic Gold in
- 10. Often used for hurricane shutters
- 11. Animal said to "never forget"
- 14. Center of a hurricane



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CRIME REPORT

Causing Grievous Harm (Suspect arrested another wanted.)

At 3:50am on 1st July, 2013, a 35 year old resident of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime around 3:40am same date while on Charles Sawyer Hwy., Marsh Harbour, Abaco, he was approached by two young Haitian males who caused harm to him. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

On 2nd July, 2013, Officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested one of the suspect John Aristil, d.o.b. 4/12/95 of Murphy Town, Abaco, reference to this matter. The victim positively identified John Aristil as one of the young man who caused harm to him; the accused was arraigned on 4th July, 2013 and remanded to Sandilands. The other suspect in this matter is Jason Delhomme aka "Gucci" d.o.b. 2/10/97 of The Mud, Abaco. Investigation continues.

Stealing

At 8:45pm on 5th July, 2013, a 19 year old male of Murphy Town, Abaco, reported that sometime around 1:20pm on Friday 5th July, 2013, he left his work place at Marsh Harbour and caught a ride with his co-worker. While in her car, he placed his Samsung GT-19300 cellular phone with a black and yellow case inside her car. She dropped him off in the area of the red light in Marsh Harbour and short after, he realized that he forgot his phone in her car. He saw her a few minutes later in the area of Marsh Harbour, spoke to her and she stated that she did not see or have his phone. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Shop breaking

At 9:00am on 6th July, 2013, a 50 year old female Of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 8:15pm on 5th June, 2013 and 9:10am on 6th June, 2013, some unknown entered a local Food store located Dundas Town, Abaco and stole three caps, two shirts and one case of sodas. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Causing Harm

At 2:45am on 1st July, 2013, a 34 year old female of Dundas Town, Abaco came to M.H.P.S. and reported that while at her residence, her ex-boyfriend threw her to the ground and punched her about her face area with his fist. Police action requested.

Suspect arrested

On 6th July, 2013, officers of the MHPS arrested the suspect of Dundas Town, Abaco, reference to this matter. Investigation continues.

Housebreaking & Stealing

At 5:00pm on 4th July, 2013, a 39 year old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 8:45am and 4:30pm on same date some unknown person/s entered his home searched and stole his grey and orange Kipar generator. Police action requested. Investigation continues.

Possession of Unlicensed firearm

At 9:03 a.m. on July 14, 2013, Police Officers at the M.H.P.S. received information of a firearm in possession of a male known to Police Officers at Bougainvillea Street, Dundas Town, Abaco. Police assistance requested. Officers responded and found a black shotgun with the serial number erased. Officers also found a small quantity of what was suspected to be marijuana. The suspect was not at home at the time. The suspect in this matter is known to the Police and is being sought by the Central Detective Unit Abaco.

Armed Robbery

(suspected arrested)

Case#1-13-058122

At 2:10 a.m. on July 14, 2013, a 22-year-old male of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime around 2:00 a.m. that same date, while he was in his vehicle at a local Bar & Restaurant located on Fire Road, Abaco, he was approached by a man known to him who robbed him of his gold chain and charm. Police action requested.

Suspect Arrested

Same date at 4:07 a.m. officers of North Abaco arrested the suspect in this matter, an 18-year-old male while at Coopers Town, Abaco at his residence. Investigations continue into this matter.

Sacrilege

At 1:20 p.m. on July 13, 2013, a local 40-year-old Pastor of Murphy Town, Abaco, reported that some unknown person/s entered a Church located at Murphy Town, Abaco and stole a DVD player, an Energizer power pack and a bag. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Housebreaking & Stealing (Suspect arrested and Charged)

At 12:45 p.m. on July 18, 2013, a male resident of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that some unknown person/s entered his house and stole two iPhones and an amount of cash. Police action requested.

Suspect arrested & charged

Sometime around 4:20pm same date and acting on information, Police Officers

of the Treasure Cay Police Station while in Treasure Cay, arrested the suspects Sidney Shermal Hart, d.o.b. 22/10/90 of Treasure Cay, Abaco in reference to this matter. He was found in possession of the two iPhones. The suspect was charged and arraigned and was remanded to Her Majesty Prison.

Shopbreaking

At 7:50 p.m. on July 20, 2013, a 41-year-old female of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, reported that sometime between 9:20 p.m. on July 17, 2013 and 10:30 a.m. on July 20, 2013, some unknown person/s entered her business establishment. Nothing appears to be stolen. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Shopbreaking

At 9:08 a.m. on July 21, 2013, a 40-year-old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between 19/7/13 and 21/7/13 some unknown person/s entered his business establishment located in Murphy Town, Abaco and stole a Sony Compact Disc, a Feedback Destroyer Pro and one mixer board. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Drug Arrest (Suspect arrested and Charged)

At 5:45 a.m. on July 15, 2013, officers of the Drug Enforcement Unit Abaco and New Providence Units arrested two males, both of Dundas Town, Abaco, in reference to Possession of Dangerous Drugs. They were found in possession of a quantity of substance believed to be marijuana. As a result, both accused men were charged for the offence.

Disorderly Behaviour (Suspect arrested and Charged)

At 12:10 p.m. on July 15, 2013, officers of the M.H.P.S. arrested one Richard Armbrister, d.o.b. 15/9/86 of Bahama Coral Island, in reference to Disorderly Behaviour. The accused was arrested sometime around 11:55 a.m. the same day, while at the Magistrate Court, Marsh Har-

bour in reference to Disorderly Behaviour. The accused was charged for the offence. He attended court on 16/7/13, and pleaded guilty.

Stealing

At 12:00 p.m. on July 15, 2013, a 63-year-old male of Treasure Cay, Abaco, reported that sometime between 8:30 a.m. on July 14, 2013 and 8:00 a.m. on July 15, 2013, some unknown person/s stole two water pumps from a local Youth Camp located at Marsh Harbour. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.

Abduction

(Suspect arrested)

At 7:20 p.m. on July 23, 2013, a 31-year-old male of The Pigeon Peas, Abaco, reported that he was abducted while at Treasure Cay, by a male know to him. Police action requested.

On July 24, 2013, a 31-year-old male resident of North Abaco was arrested reference to this matter. He will be arraigned at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013 before the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour.

Causing Harm

At 7:50 p.m. on July 25, 2013, a 21-year-old male of Dundas Town, Abaco reported that he was attacked by a co-worker who beat him about the body. Police action requested.

Suspect arrested

At 8:05 p.m. on July 25, 2013, a 20-year-old male was arrested in reference to this matter. He will be arraigned at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013 before the Magistrate's Court in Marsh Harbour.

Shopbreaking

At 10:55 a.m. on July 27, 2013, a 50-year-old male of Dundas Town, Abaco, reported that sometime between July 24, 2013 and July 27, 2013, some unknown person/s entered his business and stole two speaker monitors and one amplifier. Police action requested.

Investigation continues.



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Church News

CCC coordinator bids farewell to Abaco community

By Canishka Alexander

Almost six years ago, the Christian Counselling Centre (CCC) opened its doors on Abaco. Although grants and donations from Nassau have helped to supplement its operating costs, the Centre is in urgent need of the community's financial support.

"For the past six months, the Christian Counselling Centre has been struggling in a special way, and there have been times when its board of directors has wondered if they should close because of financial problems," said Margaret Smith, CCC coordinator. "So we are back and forth between the board in Nassau and here to determine how to go forward. We recognize that there is a need for the services, and that we are called by God to fulfill this role in the community."

In a few days, Smith will be leaving the Centre and relocating to Nassau. Smith shared that although she will be where her family is, she still wants to see the Centre succeed and continue to help the people of Abaco.

It is what she calls home mission.

After graduating in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in theology and missions, Smith went on the mission field for approximately six years to Holland, India and London. She remained home for another 14 years before returning to the United States for her graduate studies. After another eight years of living in the U.S., she came home and soon after found herself on Abaco.

Smith is comforted that someone as qualified and capable as Vernelle Swain, will take over from where she left off.

Swain has a master's degree in Counseling and Biblical Theology, and has worked as a case manager and therapist while living in Missouri with her husband Mark A. Swain. While residing in Tennessee, her expertise has expanded to include the roles of family therapist and child and adolescent therapist. Swain is currently pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Walden University, and she already serves as a coordinator and therapist at the Christian Counselling Centre on Abaco.

When Swain returned, she dropped by the CCC for a visit, and learned that they both knew the same religious people including a missionary while Smith lived in Mississippi and Swain was in Tennessee. Swain expressed a desire to work there, but the Centre could not afford to pay both women's salaries. In time, Smith announced that she was leaving, and she gave them Swain's information.

Initially, Smith was supposed to be on Abaco for three months to assist the Centre in becoming more self-sustaining, and to try to garner support from churches, corporate businesses and individuals. Her time was lengthened to three years.

During those years, Smith saw that one of the challenges facing the Centre is that people think "Christian" means everything is free, or that churches are supporting them. It is an unfortunate misconception because the grants only cover a portion of operating expenses and staff salaries.

Although she and Vernelle Swain are master's level therapists, the cost of services has been reduced to accommodate all who need their help. Clients in Nassau pay anywhere from \$120 to \$140 per session, but on Abaco they are only charged \$60 for each session with the provision that if they can't pay, then they pay what they can. Even if they cannot pay anything, they



Above left to right: Margaret Smith, Christian Counselling Centre coordinator, and Rachael Johnson, secretary/receptionist (center), plan to leave the centre this year. Vernelle Swain will head the CCC in their absence.

are not turned away because the Centre is a non-profit organization.

Smith also noted that there is still a stigma when people consider counselling.

"It's OK to go for counselling; it doesn't mean I am the dregs of society, I am terrible, or I lack faith," she assured. "I know that there is the feeling that if I have faith I should be able to deal with this." Smith added that the CCC offers the only psychiatric clinic with Dr. David

Allen, a Bahamian psychiatrist, who visits Abaco once a month. Dr. Allen also offers a Bahamian forum called The Family - People Helping People, during his visits.

The Magistrate's Court and the Dept. of Social Services refers people to them for counselling, anger management, drug or substance abuse, parental training, and

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domestic violence to name a few. A few churches have referred people, but more can take advantage of their services.

"I want people to see this as a service for Abaco. This is for the mental, emotional, and spiritual health of Abaco, which means a safer and more constructive environment for all of Abaco," Smith shared. "We are not just here for the Christian community, but for the entire community of Abaco. We have professional training that helps us to give practical ways and options to help people deal with their situations."

She paused to give special thanks to CCC member Betty Roberts as well as a business person from Hope Town, who gave financial assistance throughout the summer, so they did not close. In 2011, their fundraising efforts began, but the money raised was very modest. The two women appealed to the church community, corporate sponsors and individuals to lend a helping hand.

"It doesn't have to be a huge amount; just give consistent support, and do whatever you can to make sure this ministry remains," Smith urged. "No matter how insignificant you think what you give is, it is significant for us and the community. Whatever you think God is calling you to do, or whatever you think you can do, is going to be helpful for us to survive the future."

Unfortunately, Smith is not the only person who will be leaving. Rachael Johnson, the secretary/receptionist, will also be leaving the Centre this fall to attend college. Smith said that Johnson has been a Godsend, and that when she acquired her, she received the entire Johnson family.

Despite the ongoing changes, Vernelle Swain is prepared to lead the Christian Counselling Centre to another level. Her focus is to spend time networking and getting the financial campaign up and running because money is needed for the staff members and equipment for therapy sessions. She wants the Centre to become more visible in the community, and to remind people of who they are and what they are doing in order to increase their client base.

"People think that if they are not personally benefitting, they don't need to support," Swain added. "It is a service to the community."

Vernelle is excited to see how everything will unfold based on the skills she has developed.

"The Christian Counselling Centre has brought together everything I love to do: counselling, a Christian environment, administration, networking and campaigning. My passion is for children and adolescents and by extension working with their families.

"Some kind of stamp will be on this [Centre] based on what my passion is."

On the Water

Shark biting incidents injure three in two days Occurrences remain rare in The Bahamas

By Timothy Roberts

Despite the rarity of attacks in The Bahamas, the country recorded three shark biting incidents within two days between Exuma and Abaco on July 28 and 29.

On Sunday, 28th July, at about 11:15 am, a 50 year-old U.S. visitor reported that while on a diving expedition, he was bitten on the rear lower extremities by a shark just east of a local Cay near Grand Cay, causing serious injuries; He got medical treatment with the assistance of a friend - a 57 year-old local man.

He was treated by the local medical team at Grand Cay and then airlifted to a hospital in West Palm Beach for further medical treatment.

On the same day a 64-year-old tourist from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was bitten on his left hand by a nurse shark at Compass Cay, Exuma.

Reports say the man was cleaning fish in an area known for having nurse sharks when the incident occurred at about 4:25 pm.

According to Bahamian police reports, the man was then taken to the local

clinic in Exuma and later airlifted to New Providence where his injuries were reportedly described as non-life threatening.

On Monday 29th July, 2013, at about 4:35 pm Police at Marsh Harbour Police Station received a report from a local Doctor in Marsh Harbour regarding a shark bite which occurred at 4:05 pm just off Scotland Cay. The victim is a 40 year old United States visitor of Harborside Circle, Largo, Florida.

The victim's wife stated that the family had just left Green Turtle Cay on their 31 foot vessel to enjoy some swimming and paddle boarding, when the incident occurred. The injuries were described by the local Doctor as serious. The victim was airlifted to a Miami based medical facility for further medical treatment.

According to the International Shark Attack File (ISAF) at the University of Florida, The Bahamas, with its huge amount of coastline and larger tourist and resident populations, has recorded more shark attacks than any other Caribbean destination - but still only 35 since 1896 - while the rest of the region averages less than one attack each year. Florida averages 20 to 30 shark attacks each year.

"The International Shark Attack File isn't overly concerned about shark attacks in the Caribbean," says George Burgess, director of the (ISAF). "On a per capita basis, [the Caribbean] isn't where you'd expect to find attacks."

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Opinion

Perspectives of My Generation

By Ashley Whyllly

I recently returned home from university and I cannot shake the feeling that I am suspended in some sort of limbo between student and adult. I attended a liberal arts university where I majored in Communication and minored in psychology. There are currently limited jobs in my field, and it is nerve wracking. My brain periodically screams, "I did not spend four years studying communications to work in any field other than media or public relations!"

These are common sentiments expressed by college graduates who return home to the Bahamas; in particular those who studied the liberal arts. We've worked hard and we want to return home and contribute to our society in a positive way, but we are not sure where to begin. We are told that you can not get a job without a college degree, so we spend thousands of dollars on years of studies and return home only to be told that there are no jobs available to us. This leads to self-doubt and, eventually, a generation of people who have jobs that make them miserable rather than careers that excite them each morning.

It is idealistic and probably a tad naïve to believe that every college graduate will work in their dream job making six figures and happily retire at 50 years old, but, it is a little disheartening to come home knowing that you may remain jobless unless you are a lawyer, doctor, or an engineer. Your pool of careers has become less of a pool and more of a puddle. We are also presented with the perpetual oxymoron that is wanting a job, but having no experience. How do I gain the experience necessary to qualify for a job if no one will employ me in the first place?

After a week of being stuck in an emotional battle between my self esteem and my lack of a career, something occurred to me. The problem is not in the degree I pursued, it is my perception of how that degree has equipped me for the job market. Liberal Arts fields are not nearly as focused as the more science oriented fields. They are, however, multifaceted.

Those of us who chose the less structured educational path are fairly equipped in a wide variety of fields, as opposed to experts in just one. This gives us a plethora of areas where we can become experts. This is not a time to be discouraged. It is instead an opportunity to explore a number of jobs and use those jobs as stepping stones for creativity and entrepreneurship.

We can contribute to the future of this country. Perhaps the first job you come upon may not sound ideal, but we must be sure that our perspective is not hindering our progress.

For example, I studied communication with a specialization in media. Editing and production are my comfort zone, however, when I had an opportunity to work in event coordination I took it. Initially it did not seem ideal, but I was able to creatively apply many of the skills I had learned in

university and gain some new ones. Be a mover and a shaker. If you work at a coffee shop, introduce a poetry night or an event promoting local artists. Use the skills you possess to your advantage.

Don't allow your lack of seemingly viable career options to be an obstacle. Take the job that may not seem ideal. The road to your dream job may be full of twist, turns, and pit stops, but I guarantee that each one is a learning experience that better equips you for your future. Your approach must be creative, and your drive must be unwavering.

Letters to the Editor

Deported

Dear Editor:

The other day I was so embarrassed for our country. Why would Immigration Officials treat a visitor to our shores the way they did? They brought a friend of mine to tears.

This person is a second-home owner, an artist who has generously given of her time and talent to assist us in our fund raising efforts to restore our old church building. She has chosen our village to reside in on a part time basis, paying local utilities, buying her groceries at the local food store and hiring local workmen to do necessary repair jobs. In other words, she brings much-needed cash into our community. A welcome asset to the settlement and a pleasant and generous neighbour who doesn't take anything from our community and only gives to it.

The last time she arrived on Abaco she requested a stay of 90 days, or thought she did, as she had done many times before. Where, in fact, she had only put down an expected stay of 60 days. When she went to the Immigration Office to extend her stay she was told she had overstayed her visit by 30 days and was to be immediately deported.

What kind of hospitality is that? We are surrounded by illegal visitors every day and they hardly ever get deported. Doesn't Immigration see the advantages of having these revenue producing visitors and second-home owners in our midst?

We should be doing more to entice this type of visitor, not committing stupid errors like alienating them with rudeness and unwelcome gestures. She didn't have to come in to extend her visit, she was only trying to do the right thing. A simple bending of the rules and I'm sure it would have impressed upon her how nice the official was and next time she would make sure she put down the proper length of stay so that she would not be embarrassed like that again. She was very hurt and I can see why.

We are a country that depends upon our visitors and all of our people should practice forgiveness, manners and understanding with a smile, it can't hurt and can only help.

- Lee Pinder

Congratulations

Dear Editor:

Just wanted you to know that I believe that you and your team are doing an OUTSTANDING job! The Abaconian has taken on a new look and I think it is a GREAT one!

I particularly appreciate the number of environment related articles that have appeared in recent issues. I am not a Bahamian Citizen, but I do own property on Tilloo Cay in The Abacos. It's the most beautiful place that I have ever seen. I believe that the environmental issues are of upmost importance to the Bahamian population and I hope that I will get the opportunity to help in some way when the time comes !

Sincerely,
Mac Fairley

Let me tell YOU something

Dear Editor:

I ask for a little space in your paper for the following thoughts.

I guess that I am "green" or Naïve enough to walk into a sort of wasps' nest by asking, why do some, or most, preachers ask for listeners to write to them for spiritual help or questions or comments, and when a fan writes a letter some refuse to reply, or later say, "I don't have to!"

May I say, that sounds rude, snobby and childish.

Thank you. We don't have to listen!

-Lee Lowe

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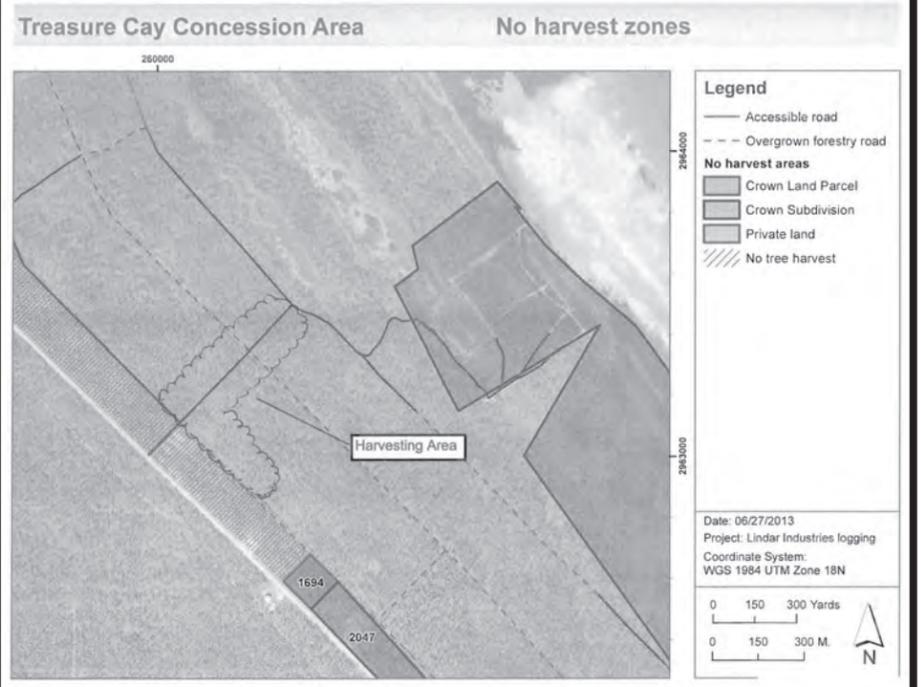
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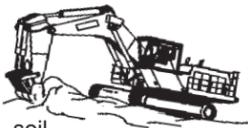
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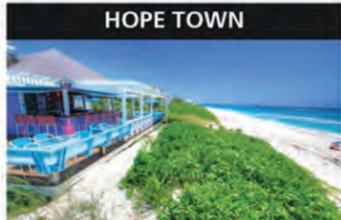
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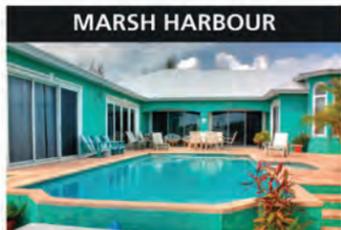
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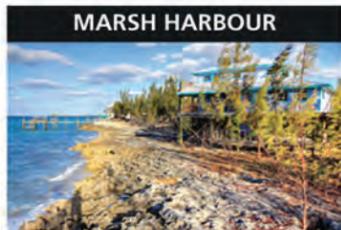
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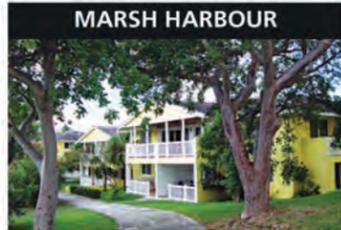
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